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THE ARCTIC.

THE EVIDENCE ON THE ARCTIC.

[illegible] of American Seamen—Magistrates of F. L. O.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

I much regret to be drawn into a public controversy with a gentleman who occupies a position which I believe to be as honorable, useful and humanizing as that of the Superintendent of the New-York Seamen's Home. I frankly acknowledge that in those sentences of the hastily written letter I addressed you under an impulse caused by the loss of the Arctic, upon which he more particularly animadverts, I employed two sweeping assertions. In doing so, I did not wish or expect to be understood literally. And with this acknowledgment, I would be willing to leave the matter had Mr. TRACY been content with denying the literal truth of my allegations. But he goes further, he publicly accuses me of malicious falsehood, he pronounces my statements to be wholly "*without foundation—utterly and shamefully false.*" I would not hold a gentleman who has been twenty-five years at sea, and the greater part of that time subject to those trials of temper which the system of the merchant service decrees to its officers, to a strict accountability to the latitudinary rules of courtesy in debate, nor would I for a moment crowd your valuable columns by replying to a merely personal insult. But, Mr. Editor, the purport and tendency of my remarks bore upon a question of deep and awful public concern. I cannot allow this to be obscured by appeals to patriotic prejudices and vanity or angry discussions of side issues. The virtual truthfulness of my statements and charges, so far as they affect the great practical question now before the public, I am ready to maintain and establish.

What was my position? Simply this: That in respect to "morality, manliness and discipline," the American merchant service is "*deeply, radically and disgracefully demoralized,*" and that this is a great cause of the large number of missing ships, wrecks, collisions and other accidents, and of the melancholy loss of life and destruction of property attending them. I demanded reform; and suggested the manner in which the owners of that department of the service in which the public have the deepest interest, could initiate reform, and add to the value and safety of their property in so doing. Capt. TRACY asserts that my charges are without foundation. Let the public judge.

The points at issue, unfortunately, are not to be decided by an appeal to statistics, but are questions of experience, of reflection and argument. In the matter of experience I of once yield to Captain TRACY, and to a man whose position is so distinctly that of a professional friend of seamen, I yield this advantage cheerfully and wholly. I will not submit to the witness-box, however, as competent to testify in the case, his "many captains and mates who have been to sea over twenty years." These captains and mates are on trial. Their testimony can only be received as State's evidence, and as such, I shall presently employ some of them.

Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER stated in his sermon last Sunday, that over fifty American vessels have sailed from port and since been given up for lost—*never heard from*—in the last twelve months. While at the same time, three large ocean steamers and three sailing packets, *all loaded with passengers*, have been wrecked and totally lost on the American coast. Besides these there is the *City of Glasgow*, with another freight of human life—given up. Two hundred and one vessels have been reported lost within a single week. The losses paid by Marine Insurance Companies, in New-York alone, amount TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS *for the last year.*

Does any man believe that all this frightful loss of life, this enormous destruction of property, was absolutely necessary—the inevitable result of the dangers of the sea? Does any one believe that no amount of prudence and skill could have guarded against these dangers, and averted in any degree these results? Why did they occur? Mr. BEECHER intimates that it was because the owners of the ships were members of the Union Safety Committee, that it was because the Fugitive Slave Law was passed. There is a nearer, simpler, more obvious and more practical relation of cause and effect, which it would be a sin in an infant to disregard.

"*From a return to the British House of Commons,* we gather that from January, 1847, to December, 1850, there happened at sea upwards of 12,000 casualties, varying in magnitude from the shipwreck of the fleet at night, with all its horrors, to a clumsy collision in the Channel. The amount of the loss of life averaged (per year) 1,250. *One of the chief features of this catalogue of disasters is the startling fact that but few accidents have occurred to ships ABLY COMMANDED AND MANNED.*" I quote the *Sailor's Magazine*, the organ of the SEAMAN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, under the patronage of which is the institution superintended by Captain TRACY. (Oct. 1852.) Again, the London *Times*, commenting upon a Record kept at Lloyds', of the losses of property and lives from marine disasters, comprising 12,510 accidents at sea, equal to 3,337 each year, or 64 each week, observes, "*Facts indicate unmistakably that accidents to ABLY COMMANDED AND MANNED ships are comparatively few.*"

Let this point be assumed; not as absolutely established, but as credible and probable, by the readers of the TIMES, I have next to convince them that a very large proportion of American seamen are morally and disgracefully demoralized and rendered incapable of exercising that prudence, courage and ability to resist the danger of the sea, which those who trust their property and the lives of friends to their care expect, and ought to expect of them. For this purpose I shall rely chiefly on the testimony of shipmasters themselves, as reported within the last two or three years in the *Sailor's Magazine*.

The captain and officers very rarely see their sailors till they are got on board their vessel, and as they are usually intoxicated when they come on board, the officers have no means of judging whether they know anything about a vessel or not. When sailors are scarce, their landlords or runners pick up any whom they find intoxicated in the dens where and they are drawn into their houses and make so with drugged liquor—put on them a good flannel shirt and old pair of trousers, and, for their advance, ship them as sailors. Last Winter, we heard several ships which left this port, more or less of the crew, when they had passed down the channel and clear of the frauds of rum, came to the captain and told him they were soldiers—had been in the Mexican war—knew nothing about a ship, or how they came on board one. *One* of these vessels, (it is known,) on a wintry coast, came near being lost in consequence of having several men on board who was no better than so many men of straw.—*Sailor's Magazine*, 1850, p. 212.

In the *Sailor's Magazine* again, (1850, p. 217,) it is stated distinctly enough, that "*in nineteen cases out of twenty the miserable pay of the sailor is pocked money by his landlord, and he is sent on board for duty intoxicated.*" Captain TRACY says that he does not believe that there is more than one out of thirty that go to sea in that condition; but by another ship-master, in the *Sailor's Magazine*, January, 1853, the paragraph from which I have quoted is positively referred to, and said to contain the "*records of the experience of masters—yea! of hundreds of ship-masters*, and to carry the evidence of truth on its face." There is a hundred to one there, at least, against Captain TRACY's experience.

To quote shipmasters therefore no more on this point, here is a landsman's picture of the crew of a New-York packet-ship, in the year 1851. Rev. Mr. BURWELL, of the New-York Evangelist, is, if I am not mistaken, a man of remarkably keen observation. "Our crew were a hard set—many of them old men, barely capable of duty, and *all* apparently imbruted by hard labor and exposure, and vicious courses. There was not one fresh looking countenance among them; not one who bore the expression beyond that of a *brute* generally; and not even the frankness of spirit that the laboring brute. The whole state and condition of their clothing added to the unattractiveness of their appearance—nothing of rugged vigorous health nor hope from power of clothing, were drunk when shipped, and in tatters, and out of clothes." This is the way the character and ability of a crew is lost if any first class of vessels, especially fitted and provided for the convenience of passengers, either in the [illegible] New-York, [illegible] writes (*Sailor's Magazine*, Aug., 1850) again, "Sailors are making the strongest moral impression probably of any port (save Boston) in the world; and they consequently assume their best outward aspect." "Falstaff's ragged regiment could have been no more so!" So much better behaved are sailors at New-York than elsewhere, that the same writer says: "I should expect the same crew who would come on board my ship in New-York, perfectly sober, and get her under way, to make a 'pier-head leap' at Liverpool; that is, come on board when the ship was pushing out between the pier-heads, and probably not one of them sober."

I asserted further, that while our commerce had been rapidly increasing, the character and ability of our crews had deteriorated rather than improved. A writer in the *Sailor's Magazine*, March 1851, says: "From my own observation, the character and standing of the sailor were (formerly) taken into consideration in the (shipping) transaction; and especially of green hands or ordinary seamen. The profession at that time was considered more respectable and honorable than at present." After giving some indications of the better character of seamen formerly, the writer continues: "*With such men* and so fitted, is it any wonder that good and *safe* and profitable voyages were made?" At the present time, crews are furnished of which neither the officers nor owners know anything about before they come on board and just as the vessel is leaving, consequently *they are obliged to take them whether good or bad, drunk or sober. The result has been that the insufficiency of crews has been reduced,—at least one-fourth*,—since the introduction of the present furnishing system." A Mobile merchant said to me yesterday: "You are perfectly right, at least as far as the sailors go that come to Mobile. There is five times as much trouble with crews as there used to be. The hands on board American ships coming to Mobile are now almost invariably represented by their captains to be incompetent and mutinous.

Here again is a description of "*an ordinary ship's company at sea on a Winter's coast*," as it is now to be found: a crew composed of all nations and all languages, *unused to subordination, reckless of consequences*, half-clad, &c," (*S. Mag.*, 1851, p. 446.) Here again: "Under a sense of their degradation, nauseated with debauchery, sick of everything around them, hating even themselves, (for there are periods when they awake to a sense of *their being men*,) they are eager for any change for relief; they will ship to go on a Winter's coast without ever thinking or knowing whether they have a second jacket or shirt, stockings or shoes." These are descriptions of the ordinary run of American merchant seamen from the port of New-York.

Capt TRACY says: "By seamen, I mean *to include all*, from the master down to the *cook*; (of course, then, he includes the firemen of the *Arctic*.) "What do you say of the officers?" I say that when a young man has to "come in at the hawse-holes," and spend six years, first as the inferior and then as the equal, and all as the mate and most closely-confined associate of such crews, before he can look for any promotion—that if he is not "demoralized, radically, deeply, disgracefully," it is a miracle. If he is not brutalized by the treatment that such a crew have to endure to force them to the necessary labor for the crack passages which our ships are all striving to make, I do not know what will brutalize a man. I repeat, "under a sense of their degradation, nauseated with debauchery, sick of everything around them and hating even themselves,"—what a happy influence on character this must have! How quietly but completely it must fit the youngster for the responsibility of command! Capt. TRACY says that "crews are generally treated kindly and humanely." There are different standards of kindness and humanity—when and how did he form his? Capt. TRACY says he knows scores of kind and noble ship-masters. Certainly, there are such. I know them that I believe to be so. I have heard sailors themselves, judging according to their standard, testify of one such *at sea*. I never heard them speak of but one. I have sailed with one that was esteemed to be such on shore, and at sea the fiend himself could not have excelled him in want of common *feeling for the hardships and wretchedness of his* crew. The large *majority* of ship-masters are, according to my observation, unfeeling tyrants. What is the consequence? Says one of them, (August, 1852, *Sailor's Magazine*,) "We have treated sailors too much as though they were brutes, lodged them as brutes, and wonder, with this wholesome *regimen*, that they are brutal. *If sailors are men*, interest and duty both bind us in our management of them to appeal to those sentiments which distinguish them from brutes." Why, if *interest* combines with duty to make officers treat their crews as if they were not composed purely of brutes, do they not do it? Because these officers are brutes themselves, made brutes by their own six years or more of suffering under this same brutal system. "If the officer," says Capt. EZEKIEL JONES, "would only study to *remove causes* rather than punish effects *all* the imaginary necessity of corporeal punishment would vanish at once." What is the sort of discipline the neophyte officer is liable to undergo in these six years' education, necessary to learn him, as Capt. TRACY insists, how to obey? Perchance the following as once described by the law-reporter of the DAILY TIMES, "Captain TRAIL, master of a vessel bound from New-Orleans to this port, shipped a lad in the latter city. When some five days out the lad grew sick, kept his bunk, was hauled out by the mate and kicked, says the evidence, until the boots of the mate were worn through at the toes. Recuperating the next day, the captain took the boy in hand, triced him up to the rigging, and gave him twenty-five lashes; threw him down in the scuppers and washed his wounds with brine. For the next twelve days the boy was whipped ("worked up!") aloft and alof, finally shut up under the booby hatch on top of a load of cotton, denied light, air and food. The result was death. The Commissioner allowed the atrocious monster to get off on $1,000 bail, which he will forfeit, to meet death, doubtless, at some other time, at the hands of some outraged seaman, who will be charged with mutiny, &c., and be hanged." I would like to know what Capt. TRACY would consider "*high wages*" for a man who *is subject* to this sort of thing, and I declare that according to my observation, and according to what I have heard from sailors themselves, such treatment as this, though not always ending immediately so tragically, is very common at sea.

"It is a well-known fact," says Mr. DANA, "that seamen are better treated when there are passengers on board. Though officers may sometimes be inclined to show themselves off by freaks of office and authority, yet cruelty they would hardly be guilty of. It is on long and distant voyages, where there is no constraint on the captain, and none but the crew to testify against him, that sailors need most the protection of the law. On such voyages as these there are many cases of outrageous cruelty on record—enough to make one's heart sick, and almost disgusted with the sight of man; and many, many more, which have never come to light, and never will be known until the sea shall give up its dead. Many of these have led to mutiny and piracy—*stripe for stripe and blood for blood.*"

I care naked several seamen together if they had ever known anything as bad as the whipping scene witnessed and described by this writer in Two Years Before the Mast. They all agreed that they had, and were said they had not worse on their last voyage. They were *Sailors' Home* seamen, too. "The mate now went forward and told John quietly to go aft; and he seeing resistance was in vain, there the black-guard third mate from him, and said he would go off of himself; that they should not drag him; and with up to the gang way and held out his hands; but as soon as the captain began to make him fast, the indignity was too much, and he began to resist; but the mate and RUSSELL holding him, he was seized up. When he was seized up he turned to the captain, who was turning up his sleeves, and asked him what he was to be flogged for. "*Know! I ever refused my duty, Sir?*" *Have you ever known me do anything back or to be insolent, or not to do my work?*"

"No," said the captain, "he is [illegible] you [illegible]."

"Out a [illegible] quickly, [illegible] flogged."

"*No!*" shouted the captain, suddenly shaking his mouth, *heard this vicious but unpoised*," and began laying the blows upon his back, swinging half round between each blow to give it full effect. As he went on, his passion increased, and he danced about the deck, calling out, as he swung the rope, "I'll tell you, if you want to know, what I flog you for. It's because *I like to do it; I like to do it; it suits me!*" The man writhed under the pain, until he could endure it no longer, when he called out, with an exclamation more common with foreigners than with us, "Oh, Jesus Christ! Oh, Jesus Christ!" "Don't call on Jesus Christ," said the Captain, "he cannot help you; call on Captain T——. He's the man! Jesus Christ can't help you now!" * * * * Every one stood still at his post, while the Captain walked the quarter deck, at each turn, as he came forward, calling out to us, "*You see your condition!* * * * You've got a driver over you! Yes, a nigger driver! I'll see who'll tell me he isn't a negro *slave!*" * * Soon after, JOHN came aft with his back covered with stripes and wales, and dreadfully swollen, and asked the steward to ask the Captain to let him have some salve or balsam to put on it. "No," said the Captain, who heard him from below; "tell him to put his shirt on; that's the best thing for him; and pull me ashore in the boat. Nobody is going to lay up on board this vessel." (Dana, p. 127.) I have seen a man more barbarously used than this, and I have heard similar blasphemy on board a ship, the Captain of which had the reputation on shore of being an uncommonly humane and pious man.

But all I care to assert is, that this indicates a very common—yes, the general—style of intercourse between officers and men. The Captain is supreme—a perfect despot, holding the crew *subject to his authority, not for certain reasonable* purposes, alone, but subject to his good pleasure, to his passions and whims; as slaves, as horses, and cattle. And the majority of their *crews are* slaves. They subject themselves to this slavery, because they are too mean, too sensual, too spiritless, too little able to command and restrain themselves, to be, or do anything else. Between land-sharks and boarding-house keepers, and merchants and shipmasters, they are bought and sold.

I will adopt here with a slight alteration the remarks of a recent writer on the Marine Corps of the United States:

"The recent advance in the pay of (seamen) is sufficiently liberal to induce those into the service, that men, however high their rank should be proud to command; but if its officers may shower on them oaths of abuse, indulge in pugilistic feats worthy of the ring, break (belaying pins) over the heads of their helpless, because subordinate victims; (merchants) will in vain offer generous pay, to attract better material, as no one with a spark of self-respect will enter a service where every manly feeling may be outraged without check or restraint. Into such a service, while such abuses continue, we must expect to see none but those who have been *brutalized by such* treatment, or who have sunk so low in degradation as to be unfit for any employment out of it."

This inference seems to me to be obviously correct—but it is no less than I said, in effect, of the "very small number of Native Americans" in the merchant service, for saying which I am attacked by Capt. TRACY. I maintain, however, that the case is far worse with seamen, because of the fact that the United States Marine officers have never themselves been subject to the brutalizing influences which the majority of mercantile shipmasters have suffered.

As the majority of men are constituted there is a moral necessity for this brutalizing system, as long as the service is without any sort of *educational system*. That there is no absolute necessity for it is proved by the success of those few shipmasters whose moral nature has been strong enough to carry them, with live hearts and clear heads, through the present brutalizing ordeal of forecastle and petty official slavery.

"On my last voyage," says a shipmaster, (*Sailors' Mag. Aug.*, 1853,) I was not vexed nor had I cause to be, even once, with the conduct of my *officers* and men, and they were picked up as *crews* ordinarily are, except one officer and one man. *None* of them were religious men, none of them were acquainted with my mode of discipline; *yet a little care and* PATIENCE brought them into the traces to work harmoniously." Twenty years ago, Capt. RICHARDSON, formerly of the Sailor's Home, remarked at a Temperance meeting in New-York, he was in New-Orleans with his ship and an excellent crew. His second mate not being made of the best materials, he was obliged to discharge him, and for various reasons he concluded to select a man to fill his place from the crew. Accordingly, when the crew were at dinner one day, in the forecastle, who should drop quietly down among them but their Captain. He told them the second mate was about to leave the ship, and he had concluded to fill the vacancy from their number. "Now," said he, "who shall it be?" Who among you is best fitted for the place?—No answer. "I thought I would *consult you*, now speak your mind, one at a time." Half a dozen of the surprised and gratified crew at once pronounced together the same name. Their choice proved in all respects a most excellent and satisfactory officer to the captain, while the crew, no doubt, respected him, and obeyed him with cheerfulness and alacrity. A shipmaster who says, "he has sailed in thirty-five different ships, both large and small, in *bully liners*, and in ships that were not bullies," observes, "where a man commences a voyage with such a discipline, he declares war at once against all the better feelings of his crew, if they have any (left), if they have not, he arouses against himself all their worst passions;" while Capt. JONES of the Revenue Service, "hesitates not to say that *every experienced and humane* commander knows, that seamen, when *properly and ably commanded*, are more docile than any other class under the sun."

Mr. DANA describes a threatened mutiny among his shipmates. The captain ordered them all aft. "Instead of violent threatenings, or at least an outbreak of *quarter-deck bravado, threats and abuse*, which they had every reason to expect, a sense of common danger and common suffering seemed to have tuned his spirit, and begotten something like a human fellow feeling, for he received the crew in a manner quiet—almost kind. He told them what he had heard, said he did not believe they would try to do any such thing as was intimated; that they had always been good men—obedient, and knew their duty, and he had no fault to find with them; and asked what they had to complain of. * * * He added a few words about their duty in their present situation, and sent them forward, saying that he should take no further notice of the matter. This language of the captain *had a very good effect upon the crew*, and they returned quietly to their duty."

I cannot extend this letter further, but I trust that some one more competent than myself will take up the subject and urge more convincingly upon shipowners and shipmasters, as well as upon the public at large, the duty, the absolute necessity—if our commerce is still further to be increased—of some better sentient educational system than we now have.

It is proper that I should add to your voluntary assurance, (as that appears not to have been sufficient for Capt. TRACY,) that my own opportunities of observation have not been quite contemptible, that I have sailed in American and foreign craft of all classes, more than forty thousand miles; that I have been intimately associated with seamen at home and abroad, at sea and on shore, and that I am experimentally acquainted with the benefits to them growing out of the excellent system of the New-York Sailors' Home; and—as Captain TRACY thinks it important to inquire—I am an American born, though, (if one more irrelevant word may be excused,) as far as possible from being a Know-Nothing. Neither am I as anxious to deny and hide from myself and others what is wrong in my country as to contribute to make it right.

Your obedient servant,

F. L. O.

STATEN ISLAND, Oct. 21.

"As a Moment to Such Cases [illegible]

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

It is very gratifying to observe the great interest manifested in the land in the melancholy loss of the Arctic, and the sympathy of all classes in the sad bereavement of those who have lost their dearest relatives and friends. When such a calamity occurs, each of us, as an individual, naturally feels the loss of his own relative or friend to be most grievous; but in the estimation of us all, as a community, it is difficult to particularize, and we look upon the disaster as a public and a national misfortune.

There are, however, peculiarities about the case of the Arctic, which give somewhat of a different aspect to this view of the matter; and none more so than is the overwhelming loss of him who may be said to be the greatest sufferer by the late shipwreck, and towards whom all, both as individuals and as a community, seem moved to extend their deepest sympathy. I refer to EDWARD K. COLLINS, Esq. The loss of the splendid ship belonging to the line which bears his name, and of which he was the founder, is of itself a deep blow; but more than this, he has lost his wife, his only daughter, and his youngest son. I will not dwell upon his misfortune, nor enlarge upon the amiable character of his wife, nor the rare virtues and charms of his daughter—this is not the place, nor the opportunity. But I do not consider it to be trenching upon the sacred grief of the father by publicly calling attention to the claims of his noble boy. Beyond the immediate circle of his family connections and friends, he has acquired a high reputation in the neighborhood of his late residence, and especially among his fellow-travelers in the railroad cars, in his daily trips to and from school, where his ingenuous countenance and gallant behavior made him a favorite with all—and those who knew him will bear testimony to the remarkable manliness of his character. It was reserved for him, however, to earn an undying fame, by his deportment under the awful trials of the ever to be remembered 27th of September last. As to the facts there can be no dispute—they are proved by several undoubted and reliable witnesses. And when the accounts of his heroic devotion were published, especially where *he refused to put on a life-preserver until all the ladies were supplied*, all who had known him could not but exclaim, "That was like COLT COLLINS."

The heroism and gallantry of this noble boy upon that occasion, deserve commemoration; they put to the blush, they hold up to the indignant scorn of the whole community, the selfish cowards and the scoundrels who, *under whatever pretexts*, skulked away from that ill-fated steamer before her final plunge, and proper honor should be awarded to him.

If, unfortunately, after sufficient time shall have elapsed, no hopes can be entertained of the safety of this gallant boy, I propose that by subscriptions *from the youths* of Westchester County, especially in the neighborhood of New-Rochelle and Mamaroneck, and from all other boys in the midst of us, who appreciate nobility of soul, and true heroism and manliness in one who only wanted years to make him a man, although only yet a boy, an appropriate monument shall be erected to the memory of COLT COLLINS.

No more suitable spot could be selected than the land adjoining his late residence, and his father could not refuse the request to appropriate a site on his beautiful farm for the purpose. I suggest this as one mode of testifying our admiration for the son, and our sympathy for the sorely stricken father. A monument standing upon that lofty eminence, overlooking an extensive arm of the Ocean which was the scene of so much bravery, and which now weeps over him whose loss would be thus commemorated, will, for all time to come furnish the evidence that true heroism and gallantry are always appreciated, and the youths who subscribe for it, will be proud to emulate the character of one who has merited such a testimonial.

NEW-ROCHELLE.

THE SEARCH IN THE ARCTIC SEAS.

Interesting Letter from Dr. Kane's Expedition—Sketches of the Ice Region.

From a Private Letter from an Officer to a Friend.

SECOND GRINNELL EXPEDITION,
Brig *Advance*, Baffin's Bay, Friday, July 14, 1854.

MY DEAR——: * * * * We made the coast near Godshalar, the scene of the early Christian labors of HANS EGEDE, and I write from a point nearly opposite that neatest and most flourishing of its settlements, Fegdisminde, "the Nunnery of Egede."

On the 29th being becalmed off Fiskemaes, we dispatched a boat up the Fiord, to look out for the town; returning soon with a pilot boat and crew from the Governor, we stood in, and were in a short time in sight of the first Greenland town I had yet seen. It was in keeping with the scenery around. In the midst of Esquimaux huts rose the only mansion, *the residence of the Governor, a most kind* hearted old gentleman, full of Scandinavian hospitality, and kind of his wife, his children, and his pipe. The courtesies of his humble mansion were cordially extended to us, and after breaking bread with His Excellency, we felt quite as much at home as on board our little brig, from the encramped quarters of which we were by no means sorry to be, for a short time relieved.

The official letters brought by our commander from the Court of Denmark were anticipated by the cordial kind feeling of the authorities.

Every care was extended to the expedition, and we departed with a good supply of codfish and an Esquimaux hunter, whose rayack and lance are expected by Dr. KANE to keep his dogs in food.

Sukkertoppen was our next port, a quiet little glen, shut in by rocks and looking its barren solitude. Here in a single hour we laid in reindeer furs, dog's harness and moccasins, filled our water casks and stood out to sea.

At both these places, while my comrades were busily engaged in hasty preparation for departure from port, I made the best use of my time in collecting botanical specimens. With box and gun I made two sallies at Fiskemaes and one at Sukkertoppen, into the deep mountain gorges, where the water, caused by the sun's genial rays, had melted the snow that trickled down the mountain sides, and at last found a resting-place, around which grew a highly interesting and quite luxuriant flora. Upon the southern slopes I found the willows, as if determined to force a living out of the world, clinging apparently to the solid rock, and, though stunted in growth, looking no less fresh than members of the same family growing in our own rich soil. The cutkins of these plants were found to be of very deficient development. The same was also observed of the Anaromida Tetrigana, one of the characteristic heaths of this region. These circumstances seem to our commander to indicate a backward Summer, whilst the meteorological returns obtained at Fiskemaes and Sichtenfels, shows a Winter of unusual mildness. The bugs too are not numerous, and he seems to expect we will meet no floe ice until we reach Melville Bay.

Disco we longed to visit—a longing which the sight of its high mountains only increased, but the breeze, I suppose, did not justify us in losing an inch of ground, for we stood on to the northward in expectation of reaching the middle ice. But one thing more remains—an increase of dogs—for deficiency of which we are humbly thankful, as but for that we would not see the settlement of Proven. PROVEN, July 20, 1853.

Proven is not unlike the settlements previously visited, except that, in being farther to the north, its inhabitants are proportionately more poor and wretched. It is, with one exception, the most northern of the Danish settlements on the threshold of the great barrier of Melville Bay. The scenery around presents the same barren picturesqueness characteristic of the Greenland coast. Here resides the Royal Inspector, a clever old Dane, possessing a small fortune obtained through his office, an Esquimaux wife and good beer. His one-story mansion, looking almost as old as the hills, presented a grand appearance beside the miserable huts of the natives. Built as they are of stones covered with sod or moss for Winter, and seal skins for Summer, they look more like the homes of burrowing animals than anything human. Poor creatures!—their only pasture ground the sea, affords them occasionally an inadequate supply of food, at which time their condition is truly deplorable.

It is the custom of the coast, brought from the fatherland, to set before the stranger the welcoming cup of coffee, after partaking which, like the salt of the Arabs, he may consider himself at home. This custom extends from the Governor's house to the native's hut; and good coffee do they make. At the Inspector's, signal credit is due our good Esquimaux hostess for her skill in coffee making, and the natural ease with which she did the honors of the house.

We have been procured some fifteen or twenty Esquimaux dogs, but as the number is less than half a supply, we will be obliged to stop at Appenavik, twenty miles further to the northward. These dogs are a necessary part of an Esquimaux settlement, and seem to mingle with the natives in about equal numbers and terms of the greatest familiarity—living in many cases in the same hut. One striking peculiarity I observed, was their huddling together, and resting their pipes to the nose of a chosen leader, who occupies the centre of the pack, the whole settlement, young and old, set up a chorus loud and shrill, that lasts about five minutes.

Leaving Proven and the civilized world on our backs, we will in an hour be pushing forward to the scene of our explorations. This is, as you are aware, Smith Sound. How far we will be able to penetrate this one could hardly say, this unknown, but from what we can see of the ice which [illegible] too barrier. [illegible] by previous [illegible] we have every reason to [illegible] our exploration into this unknown and mysterious quarter of our planet. Once arrived at the termination of our voyage, Winter quarters will be selected at a point protected to the northward and westward by some prominent headland, against the drifting ice in the early Spring. In this selection, great experience and judgment are required, but in our commander's sagacity we have every confidence. Here we will be frozen in during the long nine Winter months, during which period the search for FRANKLIN will be made.

For this search the most active preparations are going on. Once at anchor, but few hours will expire before a boat and sleigh party will set out to continue that which could not be accomplished with the vessel. This party will consist of nine, all of which have, I believe, been selected, as all hands have volunteered; but the doctor is not very communicative as to his intentions, and we are in ignorance as to who will be its fortunate members. They take with them one of the light India rubber boats constructed by Mr. BENNET, and dogs.

The great object of this expedition will be to pave the way for future operations in the Spring. For this purpose they carry with them a stock of provisions, consisting of pemican, preserved meats, meat biscuit, &c., with a few luxuries, to be left at different points on the way. The boat, *The Forlorn Hope*, for so she is called, is so constructed as to propel either on ice or water—on ice by sight men operating against wooden bars lashed athwart the boat, while the doctor will lead off in advance to explore the track. The stern is covered with an India Rubber cloth tent, to serve as a protection by night and cooking apartment by day.

Having arrived at the termination of their journey, leaving the *Forlorn Hope* and provisions to the mercy of the wolverines and bears, they will return to the brig on foot, in the darkness of the polar night, guided by their compass and the stars.

The plan of operations, hitherto considered impracticable by the English, is entirely new, and originated with this expedition. By it there are many advantages gained. The men are more fresh and vigorous than in the Spring, and the party that *follows them at this time have not only the advantage* of traveling over ground previously explored, but carry during their march but a comparatively small quantity of provisions; besides, there is a great saving of time. The boat is extremely light, compared with those used by PARRY and others who have undertaken similar journeys. The most rigid economy with regard to space is preserved, and calculations are made with mathematical exactness as to the stowage of the different articles. Nothing will be taken that can possibly be dispensed with, and the cooking apparatus will be of the most simple kind. The whole is a modification of the North American Indian and Russian; while the complicated machinery for cooking with the little odds and ends used by the English, is dispensed with, or greatly simplified. Quantity and not quality with regard to food, convenience, and not comfort, with regard to space, are the points considered. Every two men carry a haversack between them, containing a simple change of clothing for each, to weigh not more than twenty pounds. Thus the Arctic traveler's wardrobe is ten pounds including a pair of canvas boots, to be used in the homeward journey. Pemican is almost the only food to be used, preserved meats and milks, &c., being looked upon simply as antiscorbutics and luxuries occasionally to be indulged in. Fats, such as may be procured from bears, birds, &c., together with a small quantity of lard taken with them, with a little spirits to melt and light it, will serve as the only fuel both for heating and cooking purposes. The lamp used will be the simple copper dish, cork float, and cotton wick of the Icelanders. A supply of teas and coffee, together with the different extracts prepared by Messrs. ALDEN & BORDEN, will be taken, as also a small quantity of the meat biscuit of Mr. BORDEN, and prepared milk of Mr. AREATY. Our pemican is of very superior quality, having been made under the personal superintendence of Dr. KANE. In our sledge parties we will be served much like the boy whose variety consisted in fine, "mush and milk, then milk and mush," pemican soup, fried pemican, pemican raw, and *vice versa*.

The one thing in these regions to be dreaded from such rigid adherence to animal diet, and that of one kind, is attacks of scurvy; but there is, unquestionably, more of it in many of our vessels than need be, if proper hygenic measures were taken. Thorough and regular ablutions, with moderate exercise, will no doubt, do almost all that can be done to ward off its attacks; and when such a system has been made a regular branch of discipline, cases have been rare; at least such has been the experience of the recent exploring expeditions. In the sledge parties, every man will be required to wash down with snow, and rub with a coarse towel, previous to turning into the snow hut for his nightly, or rather, periodic rest. "A cold comfort," truly; but experience has proven it to be a very necessary one.

Since leaving Fiskemaes, we have lived almost exclusively upon the products of the region, *little animal food being used but birds and fish.* A species of codfish, which I believe to be the Gadus Moschus, is our almost constant food, and although a most delicate morsel, it has so often shown itself on our table as to have become very unpopular. The eider, with several of the uria, one of the lomvi, (uria bouriveckii) the little auk, or "Greenland dove," (W. alle) and the black guillemot, (W. grylle) and others, are becoming an every day dish, and are a most decided improvement over salt beef. Yesterday, while on an excursion to a settlement twenty miles to the southward, for the purpose of procuring dogs, we stopped at a little island, and in a very few minutes procured several fine eiders and a large number of eggs. In a few hours we could have shot hundreds, if not thousands, and obtained as many eggs as would have laden our boat. A fire made upon the sand from the fragments of a broken oar, soon roasted for us as rich a repast of ducks and eggs as ever mortal need wish. With snow water, and the other necessaries which our good steward had the precaution and kindness to put aboard our boat, we made toddy and tea, and enjoyed our feast, sincerely pitying you New-Yorkers, who would envy us our ducks. In a short time we will make it our business to lay in a large supply of the different birds that abound so plentifully, to serve as one of our principal articles of food and luxury during the Winter. They will be shot and strung on strings, much after the manner of our good farmers in preparing apples, and dried. The bay abounds in gulls, and of these fine specimens have been shot. Our collection already numbers five species. The lestris, or Arctic jager, the stern of the Icelanders, is a beautiful bird. The stormy petrel followed us as high as latitude 57, and almost immediately afterwards the mauke mokie of the whalers took its place. Our slow advance has enabled us to collect interesting facts as to the nonce of the gulls and petrels.

At Breven we had the first opportunity of testing the beautiful daguerreotype apparatus sent out by Government. In the hands of our artist, Mr. BOUSALT, a number of fine pictures have been taken, representing the geological and picturesque characters of the country. The difficulties apprehended in the working of the chemicals have been happily, in a great measure, overcome, and Mr. B. confidently thinks he will be able to take pictures with a great degree of decency, even in the highest latitudes we may be able to reach. It promises fair to become a most valuable aid in enabling us to bring back such material as will make this little frequented portion of our globe more familiar to you. The glaciers will form an interesting series.

Thus far we got on happily and well—each one in every way seeming determined to do his best to further the great object of the expedition, while every opportunity is embraced of making contributions to different departments of science. Our decks present quite an interesting and amusing appearance. One is busily engaged sewing pemican bags, another ham-sacks, another lining buffalo robes with India rubber cloth, to spread upon the ice and snow, &c., &c., while the carpenter is with great diligence at work on the *Forlorn Hope*. Our net brings up many little curiosities out of the deep, while our guns now and then give us a bird for preparation. All seem, to if by one accord, to recognize the necessity of harmony, and a good degree of the same spirit of hope and expectation that inspires our commander, he has not failed to instill into these around him. The regulations of the ship enforce a rigid system of domestic discipline. Our only quarrelsome companions are our dogs, who keep up continual howling and snapping, and scarce a day passes that does not bear witness to the Doctor's heavy Arctic boots flying in the air, preceded by some unlucky puppy who may have been so unfortunate as to be too little disposed to show fair play. The Doctor being remarkably fond of their doghips, it is astonishing to see the gratitude and affection they hold for him; and he is almost always sure to excite their jealousies and raise a fight when he shows any favors.

The officers and men of our little party fare alike, and the products of our guns are shared equally. We look anxiously for the events in store for us; and if the outcasting to a sympathizing world and devoted family of the man who, leaving pelts for the world's good in obedience to his country's demands, may be involved in obscurity, we hope, a kind, with God's blessing, to bring back something which may set the world at rest with regard to his fate. Yours, very truly,

ISAAC I. HAYES, M. D., of Chester County, Pa.,
Surgeon to the Expedition.

CRIME IN ALBANY.—The whole number of arrests for crime in Albany, N. Y., for the past nine months of the present year, it stands at 2,010.

NEWS FROM THE PLAINS.

Grand Sale Ended.

From the Republican.

The mail arrived on the evening of the last, bringing full files of the *Deseret News* from which such extracts have been taken as were deemed likely to interest our readers. What follows is from information furnished by Mr. MAGRAW, one of the contractors, who came through with the mail.

In the United States Court, Chief Justice KINNEY, presiding, assisted by associate Judge SCHNEIDER, LONGHAIR and ANTHONY, two Utah Indians, were tried for murder committed in Utah County, on the 8th day of August, 1854, on the bodies of two Mormon lads, were found guilty, and sentenced to be hung on the 13th ult. The prosecution was ably conducted by JOSEPH HOLMAN, District-Attorney for the Territory of Utah, (late of Washington County, Md.,) and the defense by Col. J. C. LITTLE and HOSEA STOUT, of Great Salt Lake City, with the talent and ability for which the gentlemen are distinguished. Affairs in Utah are prosperous.

Mr. MAGRAW heard that gold had been discovered on the Sweet Water, and that quite a number of persons were prospecting on that river and its tributaries. Reports represented that success was good, and prospects flattering.

There are now on the way across the plains about forty Mormon missionaries, under charge of Elder TAYLOR, destined for all quarters of the world. They travel in company with about an equal number of returning Californians; and, together with about twenty traders and explorers, they make a party of about a hundred, probably the last considerable party that will come eastward this season.

The trading house on Deer Creek, about eighty miles west of Laramie, when passed was almost entirely consumed, and the corral, and other outbuildings were in flames, and everything indicated that it was the work of hostile Indians. The inmates were understood to have left in consequence of previous difficulties at Laramie. Saw no Indians that day, except four Arapahoes.

Seventy-five miles west of Salt Creek passed a party of fourteen Pawnees, supposed to be the same which had attacked a party of Californians, wounding one, a few nights previous, on that stream. From signs of blood on the ground of the attack, the supposition was that at least one Indian had been killed, and the party worsted in the fight.

The company has been compelled to abandon its station, built at considerable expense, at Ash Hollow, on the North Platte, in consequence of a notification from the head chief of the Sioux nation, that if not abandoned, he would cut the throats of all around there after a given day. The employés of the company chose the alternative of going to Scott's Bluffs, eighty miles further west.

Met, this side of Kearney half a dozen different trains, belonging to resident Indian traders, being probably all that are on the route. They are going on well. Grass remarkably scarce west of Laramie, partly in consequence of the immense number of stock driven across the Plains, and partly owing to the work of the grasshoppers.

Upon hearing, some distance west of Laramie, of the affair at that post, the conductor yielded to the solicitations of passengers, and delayed five days at Devil's Gate, awaiting other travelers from the west to strengthen the party. The travel from Laramie to this place was performed in nine and a half days; probably the shortest time on record across the Plains.

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NEW-YORK CITY.

SERMON BY REV. DR. CHEEVER.

The Bible in Our Common Schools: with the Lessons of our Crisis.

A Sermon on "Christian Responsibility and Discussions, as illustrated by the work of the Hour," was preached on Sunday evening, by Rev. Dr. CHEEVER, in the Church of the Puritans, Union-square, before a crowded audience.

The reverend preacher's discourse was founded on the 4th chapter and 9th verse of Genesis: "And the Lord said unto Cain, 'where is Abel, thy brother?' And he said, 'I know not: am I my brother's keeper?'" In the record of the history of the sons, said the reverend gentleman, perhaps there never was a more useful and illustrative chapter than that of the *Ariel*. By this calamity, we were our dependence on God, but our dependence on one another, our mutual responsibilities, and above all, the necessity of right character, are taught with equal solemnity and impressiveness. If those men composing the crew, the firemen, and the engineers of the *Ariel*, had been trained up in the fear of God, and accustomed to prayer; if they had known what it was to trust in Christ Jesus, and if they had been taught the great lesson of Christian duty—which is love of others as ourselves—if they had been a crew of properly educated and Christian men, then might every soul on board that ship, by the blessing of God, have been saved. Whose fault was it, he asked, that their education was not attended to? It was not to them that the blame was laid, for most of them were foreigners, but so far as Americans were concerned, the thing they had to complain of was this neglect, or even exclusion of the elements of Christian education from the public schools, sometimes even by law, at the instigation of Romanists on the one side, and sectarianism on the other. If the Bible and prayer-book be excluded from schools, a Christian education is not possible, and however excellent our Public School system might be in other respects, here would be a radical evil, a glaring deficiency in a concern where we, more than any other country under Heaven, needed for our own life and welfare a most religious care. Nor was there ever a more vivid illustration of the necessity of Christian hope, to enable men calmly and serenely to work for others as well as for themselves in the hour of peril, then that same catastrophe. The man who is prepared to die is the only man who is prepared to live. The reversed gentleman here referred in illustration to the pious resignation, the firm men when all hope had departed, and the Christian fortitude, evinced by Mr. WOODRUFF in the midst of the horrors of the shipwreck, and passed a glowing eulogium on the virtues and character of that lamented gentleman. He proceeded to argue that the fountains of character, and therefore of our whole condition and testimony are eminently in our public schools. He asked if any man could deny that the moral, as well as the economic and scientific character of these fountains, ought to be looked to? The world over, he said, acknowledged that character is the result of education, and we had God's own authority, that if we train up a child in the way he should go, when he grows old he will not depart from it. He referred to Mr. PARKER'S paper, read before the Young Men's Christian Association, exhibiting the fact that while there are only 30,000 children in attendance at schools in this Island of Manhattan, there are upwards of 90,000 who never go to school at all, and adduced facts to prove that Sabbath Schools and churches are entirely insufficient for the purpose of imparting either as largely or as fully as is necessary for a religious education to the young. Go on in this way a little longer, he continued; pursue this course of negligence and instruction to the religious wants of the lower orders for a generation more, and if God do not take vengeance upon us and visit us with dread retribution for this glaring defiance of all our responsibilities and duties to others, it will be contrary to His whole declared and manifested course of moral and providential government. In this respect, it would not suffice for us to say we were not our brother's keeper. The men who compose the laboring classes, in the more material sense of that term, constitute the basis of society; and if we neglected to impart to them a thoroughly Christian and religious education, through the medium of the common schools, then we might be assured that the consequences would come back upon ourselves. We are our brother's keeper, both on land and sea, and after a season of such providential dispensations, it would ill become us to shrink from our duty to them. The reverend gentleman concluded by invoking God to make His meaning plain to them, and conjured his hearers to lay to heart His lessons, and He whose judgments are in love, while the cross contains us in probation, would bless us if we kissed the rod, and, even on earth, would remember mercy.

MURDER TRIALS.

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER—Oct. 23.

Sentence on John Corcoran for the Murder of Michael Coyne.

The Court resumed this morning at 10 o'clock. JOHN CORCORAN, the young man who had been tried on Wednesday last for the murder of MICHAEL COYNE with a handspike on board the *Kennebec*, about three months ago, and against whom the Jury returned a verdict of Manslaughter in first degree, was called up for for sentence.

Mr. PHILLIPS, who had acted on the trial as Counsel for the prisoner, addressed the Court in favor of a mitigated sentence.

The Judge, in pronouncing sentence upon the prisoner, said that in consideration of the circumstances under which the offence was committed, and taking into account the fact that numerous affidavits had been presented to the Court, in which the deponents asserted that he (the prisoner) was the most quiet man they ever knew, and bearing in mind also that he had already been in close confinement since his apprehension, the Court should be influenced in awarding an amount of punishment less than the maximum which the law prescribed; but, as it should also be remembered that the prisoner inflicted two blows with a handspike, in a case where no weapon seemed to be needed, the Court could not do less than sentence him to ten months' imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

Trial of Jerome B. King for the Murder of Peter G. Post.

The prisoner is a young man, not over 21, with oval countenance, regular and pleasing features, fair hair and light blue eyes. In his statement to the Coroner, he admitted, virtually, that he had killed Post, but pleaded in extenuation that they had always, up to the time of this fatal occurrence, lived on terms of friendship, and "he had never tried to injure deceased until deceased tried to injure him." The annexed Jury was empanelled:

Ralph Rogers,	Benj. F. Buckman,	Frederick Magaire,	
James Mackrow,	Thos. Warren,	Lemuel B. Wing,	
Walter L. Child,	George Reed,	H. N. Babcock,	
James Masson,	Peter Hart,	Charles Chessmar.	

The District Attorney opened the case, stating simply the facts against the prisoner, as they appear in the testimony submitted for the prosecution.

William Markens, examined—I knew the prisoner at the bar, and knew Peter G. Post; I saw them on the evening of the 4th of October, on the corner of Washington and Horatio streets, at about 7½ o'clock; I was talking with the deceased about ten minutes before the prisoner came up; the prisoner, when he came up, said he had been insulted by a young man named McPherson, in taking his seat at the table; Post said he did not think that was an insult; King replied that if he (McPherson) did it again he would kick him; deceased said he would bet ten dollars that he (the prisoner) would not kick him; King pulled off his coat and took his watch, &c., and he would bet that; he further said that he (Post) was a d—d liar, and that he could lick McPherson; Post, on being called a liar, slapped King in the face with his open hand; the blow was not forcible enough to knock the prisoner down; when this took place they were about three feet apart; King, after the blow, said: "D—n your big soul, you cannot strike a man of your own size;" Post made a movement to strike King again, but the latter ran into the store on the corner of Hubbard and Washington-streets, kept by a Mr. Clements; Post followed him; I was outside at the time, and could not see what occurred in the store; I went to the store door and saw King down and Post on top of him; I saw no blows struck inside.

Q.—If any blows had been struck, could you have seen them?

Mr. Clinton objected; that, he submitted, was a question for the Jury.

The District Attorney replied it could not, as the prisoner was now standing at the door, and had an opportunity of seeing what took place.

Objection overruled and question again put.

Witness—I could have seen the blows if any had been struck, when I was standing at the door; there were no blows interchanged; Post went out and left King on the floor; King got up; I saw him with a knife in his hand.

Here a butcher's knife was produced, which witness thought was the same he saw with the prisoner on the night in question.

Witness continued—I then saw King run out after Post, who was standing on the sidewalk, and stab him in the back; King ran away; Post ran up to Mr. Hoole's grocery store, and said to a person standing there, "Prisoner, I'm stabbed;" Gleason and another person, who resided near Gerdes, took him into a druggist's, at the corner of Hudson and Jane-streets; as soon as I heard the scuffle within the grocery, I ran up to the door; the deceased, ran in there right after the prisoner; the clap in the face by the deceased, and the stab received by the prisoner, were the only blows I saw struck; I observed no kicking or other violence between them; I do not know the age of the prisoner, at the bar; deceased has said to me that he was 23; he (deceased) was over six feet in height, but he was not stoutly made; knew deceased after his death.

Cross-examined by Mr. Clinton—Deceased was a pretty strong man.

Q.—Was he not pretty much like Tom Hyer? *A.*—I never saw Tom Hyer; I never knew that deceased was called the Tom Hyer of the Ninth Ward; I knew him for two years; he was a stonecutter; I have only known the prisoner for three months; I have heard that the deceased was 6 feet 4½ inches high; when the prisoner came up to where Post and I were standing, that was the first time I saw King that day; they had not talked more than three minutes when the slap in the face was given; King seemed vexed at McPherson; his tone of voice was just as ordinary; Post and King boarded in the same house, at the corner of Hoosic and Washington-streets; they roomed together, and had always, up to this time, been the best of friends; King did not cry when slapped in the face—at least, I did not see him; when King began to run, Post ran after him; the store door was open; I waited for about a minute outside, until I heard the scuffle, for I did not expect anything serious; when I got to the door, I saw them lying about eight feet from the entrance, outside the counter; when Post got up, King got up after him almost instantaneously; I heard no voices in the scuffle.

Redamined by the District Attorney—This happened on the northwest corner of Washington-street; I had to walk round the corner in order to see the prisoner and deceased within the grocery store; not more than a minute elapsed from the time the prisoner was slapped in the face by the deceased until the former began to run to the store; I cannot, of my own knowledge, state how tall the deceased was.

To Mr. Clinton—When deceased attempted to strike the second time the prisoner began to run.

To the District Attorney—The deceased did not go to strike the second time until after prisoner had said, "D—n your big soul, &c."

To the Court—The place where King and Post boarded was directly opposite to where we stood that night.

William P. Meach, sworn.—I saw P. G. Post on the occasion of his dying; it was about 11½, on the 4th October; there were two or three policemen and Dr. Edwards there; the man appeared perfectly sane.

Mr. Blankman—(to the District Attorney)—Do you call Mr. Meach as an expert?

District Attorney—I have not raised that question yet.

Mr. Blankman—Well, we will raise it now.

District Attorney—There is not a trial of this character that has occurred during the last fifty years, at which a person, not a professional man, has not given evidence of the kind I now propose.

The Court asked the defense if they meant to prove insanity on the part of the deceased.

Mr. Blankman replied in the negative.

The Court then wished to know why they objected to the questions as to the man's sanity.

Counsel did not reply, and the examination was proceeded with.

I asked the physician before this declaration was taken as to the state of the health of the person since deceased; he said there was little hope of recovery; I asked the deceased—"Are you aware that you are about to die, and that there is no hope of your recovery?" He replied in the affirmative; then I sat down on the bedside, and took this declaration. (Declaration produced.)

The facts deposed to by the deceased were substantially the same as appear in the evidence given above, with the additional statement—that when Post and King were lying on the floor of the store, the latter inflicted a stab in the stomach of the deceased, which was followed by the infliction of the second stab outside in the back.

Richard Clausser, examined: Post and King, the deceased and the prisoner, were in my store, at the corner of Washington and Horatio-streets, on the fourth of October last; it was about 6 o'clock; King came in first, followed immediately by Post; Post caught the other and threw him down on the floor; I saw no blows or kicks given; Post merely threw King down; he then let him lie, and went out of the store; Post was not off his feet at any time; that knife is mine; it was under the meat bench on the left hand side as you go into the store; the entrance is in Washington-street; the meat bench was about four feet from the place where Post threw King down; I did not see whether King went to the meat bench before he was thrown down, or not; the knife was thrust in on a shelf fastened under the bench to hold it; it was so far in that nobody could see the handle; there were two knives there; King was thrown down between the grocery counter and the meat bench; the counter is on the right side, the bench on the left; I was about ten feet from King when he was thrown down; after King fell Post ran out; King followed him and made a stroke at him, as I thought, with his fist; I saw no knife in his hand before; I then saw King drop that knife on the sidewalk; I picked it up; I saw it was mine; it was all bloody; I brought it into the store, washed it, and put it aside; Post then went up to a store in the middle of the block; King stood for about ten minutes after talking to the boys opposite the door; I did not see him afterward; King, in making the stroke, struck forward behind Post's back; King after this said if anybody else would come to slap him in the face he would do the same thing to them again.

Cross-examined by Mr. Clinton—That was said in conversation with the three or four boys to whom he was talking; as soon as I discovered the knife was mine, I went back to the further end of the store to wash it; that was about twelve feet back; when I had done that, which lasted for about two minutes, I came to the door and stood there; when King and Post first came in I was talking to Patrick Nolan, who lives in the same block with me; I saw King the moment he came in; Post was right behind him; they did not enter fast; merely walked in; King was about three feet from the door inside, when Post caught him by the neck and threw him down; he pushed him against a barrel of potatoes first, then he threw him on the floor; he merely threw King down, and then went out of the store; Post was lying on top of King; hardly two minutes passed from the time they came in till they went out; Post walked out pretty fast; King ran behind him; I heard neither of them say anything while they were in the store; I had not used this knife that day or the day before; I had another knife that I used altogether in place of this; I can't say whether I had used this knife for a month before or not; I used the other one generally, but I know this knife was under the bench; the other knife is like that, but a little smaller.

Redamined by the District Attorney—When Post threw King down he fell on top of him; he only remained there one moment; I saw him do nothing to King while he was down; I believe Post caught King by the right hand, and pushed him down.

To the Court—The meat bench was open at the bottom like a table.

Two Jurors—Both appeared to be sober when I saw them; when King came into the store he did not go to the meat bench at all; the bench was about four or five feet from him when he was on the floor.

Dr. F. B. Edwards, sworn: I attended Peter Garrison Post about 7½ on the evening of Oct. 4; I found him in the back room of the drug store, corner of Jane and Hudson-streets; he was lying on the floor, his clothes saturated with blood; I examined him and found an incised wound in the lower part of the left chest in front, and one behind in the small of the back on the left side, and one on the little finger of the left hand; I added in the post mortem examination of his body; I found wounds internally agreeing with the external wounds I have described; the first wound went through the cartilage connecting the diaphragm and covering the cavity of the lungs; the other wound passed downwards through the spinal and was between four and five inches; I was with him three times during the night, and entered the room just as he died; he died of hemorrhage, caused by these wounds in the stomach; when Post made the statement to Justice Meach, I was present; the deceased was perfectly sane; I told him that there was no possibility of his recovery, he asked: "Must I die then?" I said "Yes;" "Well," he said to those about him, "you be here to have you all," a knife, such as that produced, would make those wounds.

Cross-examined by Mr. Clinton—The wound in the stomach would produce death; the wound in the back would not be so likely to cause death.

To the Court—The wound in the stomach caused the hemorrhage of which he died.

William H. Lefferts, policeman, sworn—I saw Post on October 4, in Mr. Quoe's drug store, corner of Jane and Hudson-streets; I entered the store in the house on the corner of Washington and Washington-streets; I found him in one of the bedrooms, under the bed, and on the floor; he told me he went there because he was afraid of the crowd outside; he said on the way down, bleeding from those wounds, that Post had hit him.

The depositions of the witnesses taken before the Coroner were handed to him under objection from the prisoner's counsel.

Witness continued—The prisoner told me that he had done it, and that the reason was that Gerry had struck him; after I got him to the Station-house, he told the Captain he had done it in self-defence; he said he wanted to give himself up, and that he had asked some young man to go with him to the station, but he refused.

To Mr. Clinton—When I saw him under the bed, I said, "King, I want you;" he replied, "If you are an officer, I'll give myself up;" I said I was, and that I would protect him from the crowd; this was about 8 o'clock in the evening.

Anthony Hughes, sworn—I knew the deceased, and know the prisoner; I was not where the fight took place until after the occurrence.

To Mr. Blankman—The prisoner wanted me to go with him to the station-house; I refused, and advised him to leave that corner; I did not accompany him to the house he went to.

Coroner Gamble, sworn—That is the prisoner's examination taken before me; the policeman who was last on the stand gave me the knife now produced.

Dr. David Uhl, sworn—I made a post mortem examination of the body of the deceased; the injuries produced by the wound in fifths were three: in the stomach; one of them penetrated to the diaphragm, and the other penetrated the cavity of the stomach; I could not tell the depth of that entire wound; the wound in the back was sixteen inches below the prominent bone of the neck, and to the left of the spinal column; it pierced only the muscles, and did not enter the body; deceased was six feet two inches in length, and a strong muscular man.

Cross-examined by Mr. Clinton—The wound in the stomach caused the death of the deceased; I do not think the wound in the back was a mortal wound, but it would be difficult to decide what wound might produce death and what would not.

Here the prosecution rested.

An intermission of half an hour was allowed to the jury.

When the Court resumed, Mr. Blankman opened the case on behalf of the prisoner. He contended that the act was done in self-defence, and proposed to call witnesses as to character who would testify to the quiet deportment and peaceable manners of the accused.

Several witnesses were examined as to their knowledge of the prisoner's character generally. None of them had known him for a very lengthened period, but previous to the commission of the offence imputed to him, they had not heard anything said of him either derogatory to his conduct or otherwise.

Dennis C. Clark, a policeman of the Sixth Ward, was called by Counsel for the defence to prove that the deceased was of quarrelsome disposition, and had frequently created disturbances which witness, in the discharge of his official duties, was often called in to repress.

The District Attorney objected—If they were pettifogging a case such evidence might be admitted, but the point had so frequently been ruled in this Court that he was surprised that testimony of such a kind should now be offered.

The Court excluded the question.

Exception to the ruling was taken. Three counsel for the defence.

Mr. Moriarty, the late employer of the prisoner, gave him an excellent character; he had known him for four months or so, and had repeatedly remarked his quiet demeanor and industrious habits.

The defence announced that their testimony here closed.

Mr. Clinton summed up for the prisoner.

The District-Attorney reviewed the evidence against the prosecution, and argued that the facts would clearly warrant the Jury in bringing in a case of murder in the second degree.

The learned Judge in the course of a lucid charge, submitted the law so far as it would enable the Jury to determine between a verdict of "Not Guilty," and "Guilty of Manslaughter in the Third Degree."

The Jury withdrew, and after a brief consultation returned at 6¾ o'clock, with a verdict of "Guilty of Manslaughter in the Third Degree," and a recommendation of the prisoner to mercy on account of his youth and previous good character.

In compliance with the request of prisoner's Counsel, sentence was deferred till to-day (Tuesday,) which it is understood, will close the term for the present.

The Court adjourned at 7 o'clock.

Meeting of the Baptist Historical Society.

A meeting of the Baptist Historical Society was held in the Bible-House, Nassau-street, yesterday afternoon. Rev. Mr. CUTTING presided. Rev. Mr. TAYLOR made a statement in reference to his search, in London, after works relating to the early history of the Baptist Denomination. He met with unexpected success, having obtained many antique works which were supposed to be out of existence. The Society then proceeded to elect permanent officers, and the following gentlemen were chosen unanimously:

President—D. T. VALENTINE, Esq.

Vice-Presidents—Robert Kelly, D. M. Wilson, T. S. Stillman, Esqs.

Recording Secretary—Rev. Joseph Benvard.

Foreign Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Edward Lathrop, D. D.

Home Corresponding Secretary—Henry B. Dawson, Esq.

The election of the other officers was deferred.

On motion, it was resolved to request Mr. VALENTINE to prepare a paper on "A Historical view of the Relations of the early Baptists of this City to the City and Colonial Authorities."

A Committee was appointed to wait on Mr. VALENTINE, and inform him of his election as President of the Society.

Messrs. CUTTING and TAYLOR were requested to prepare a paper in reference to the collections of rare and antique books obtained for the Strong-place Baptist Church, in Brooklyn.

Mr. STILLMAN and Rev. Mr. GILLETTE were requested to prepare a paper on the Historical Collections of the Seventh-day Baptists. No day was appointed for the next meeting.

Robbery on Board of a Steamboat.

On Saturday afternoon, Officer TITUS, of the Reserve Corps attached to the office of the Chief of Police, arrested a young man named WILLIS BENSON, Clerk to SHELDON CLARK, in New-Haven, Conn., on suspicion of having stolen from CHARLES BROWN, a passenger on board the steamboat *Eagle*, plying between this City and Port Monmouth, his valise, containing jewelry, watches, &c., of the value of $196 46, while on their way to this City. BROWN, missing his valuables, made diligent search for them on board of the steamer, and the property was found concealed in one of the berths. The accused was afterwards seen to go to the place of concealment, no doubt with the intention of removing the valise. He was, however, observed by Officer TITUS, who was on the look-out, and immediately arrested. He was taken before the Mayor and fully committed for examination.

Death of Edwin Williams—St. David's Benevolent Society.

According to previous notice, a meeting of St. David's Benevolent Society was held at the Mechanics' Institute, on the 23d inst., at 10 o'clock A. M.

Whereupon the President of the Society, WM. MILES, Esq., took the Chair, and called the meeting to order.

He then, in a feeling manner, announced the business of the meeting to be the adoption of suitable resolutions consequent on the death of EDWIN WILLIAMS, Esq., a worthy and valuable member of this Society, and proceeded to pay a handsome compliment to the memory of the deceased.

Whereupon, THOMAS PRICE, Esq., seconded by JAS. JONES, Esq., proposed the following resolutions as expressive of the sense of the Society for the loss of their worthy brother, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Society has heard with sincere sorrow and deep regret the death of EDWIN WILLIAMS, Esq., a much beloved and esteemed member of the Society.

Resolved, That we sincerely condole with his children and relatives for the great loss they have sustained by the untimely and premature death.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be engrossed on the minutes of the Society, entered upon the minutes of the Society, and supplied to the City Press for publication. (Signed) WM. MILES, *President*.

ALEXANDER JONES, *Secretary pro tem.*

Attempt at Arson.

About 6 o'clock on Sunday evening, some evil-disposed person or persons attempted to fire the premises No. 120 Prince-street, occupied by Geo. Cox. Before the fire had destroyed any headway, an much damage had been done, it was discovered by Officer JOHNSON, of the Eighth Ward Police. The perpetrators of this nefarious act have not as yet been discovered.

The Military.

The "Independent Citizen Guards," under command of JOHN G. H. FARRELL, accompanied by KIDDER's band, proceeded to Hoboken yesterday for target practice. They presented a very soldier-like appearance.

Have Manhattanites Cholera?

The Know-Nothings—THEY say—are to meet in Congressional Convention in the Fourth Congressional District to-morrow night. Six delegates from each of the four wards in the District constitute the Convention. Will they nominate MIKE? He was not born in Calcutta.

Sudden Death.

An inquest was held yesterday at the New-York Hospital, by Coroner HILTON, on the body of JOHN S. HOYES, the engineer on board the steam propeller *Potomac*, of New-Bedford. It appears from the testimony that the deceased was attempting to stop the engine of the boat was entering her berth at Pier No. 11 North River, on Sunday last, when his foot slipped and he fell between the revolving gear and the cylinder, receiving fatal wounds about the head and body. The injured man was taken out insensible and conveyed to the New-York Hospital for medical treatment, but died soon after being admitted.

Dr. WELTER made an external examination of the deceased, and found an extensive fracture of the occipital bone, with depression of the cranium, which, in his opinion, was the cause of death. The Jury rendered a verdict "that he came to his death from compression of the brain from fracture of the skull, by being accidentally caught in the machinery of the propeller *Potomac*, at Pier No. 11 North River, Oct. 22d, 1854." The deceased was 20 years of age, and leaves a wife and three small children.

Coroner HILTON held an inquest on the body of MICHAEL KEIER, the young lad who was killed by being caught in the machinery of the steel ornament manufactory of Mr. THOMAS MORTON, corner of Twenty-third-street and First-avenue, where he was employed. The accident occurred on Saturday last. A verdict in accordance with the above facts was rendered.

Arrest of the Proprietors of an Extensive Slaughter-House.

For some time past a number of complaints have been made against the extensive slaughter-house firm of BRUNT & WATSONS, doing business in Eighteenth-street, near Tenth-avenue, by those residing in that vicinity, on the ground that their establishment was detrimental to health. The City Inspector, THOS. E. DOWNING, Esq., took the matter in hand, determined if possible to procure the removal of the slaughter-house from the neighborhood. A warrant was accordingly issued for the arrest of both members of the firm, by Alderman DRAKE, of the Twenty-second Ward, acting as magistrate, and placed in the hands of Capt. STEVENSON, of the Sixteenth Ward police. Messrs. BRUNT and WATSONS made their appearance at the Jefferson Market Police Court, where they were held to bail in the sum of $500, each to answer any indictment which may be found against them.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW-YORK—DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE.—We call attention to the circular of this flourishing institution, which appears in our columns to-day. We feel much pleasure in recording the fair prospects of the University for the present session. The class is very large, and we are informed there is a strong delegation from the South and West. The passage of the Anatomical bill during last Winter, by our Legislature, mainly through the personal efforts of Professor MARTYN PAINE, seems to have had already a good effect on the University. We are very glad to welcome the students to New-York, which of all places on this Continent, is the richest in elements for a solid medical education.

SICKNESS ON VESSELS.—The ships *Excelsior*, *Jacob A. Westervelt*, and *West Point*, from Liverpool; the *London*, from London; *Theodore*, from Tralee; *R. L. Gilchrist* and *Russel*, from Havre; Bremen bark *Emilie*, and brig *Kneigunde*, from Bremen, are all detained at Quarantine on account of sickness.

COLLISION—Yesterday morning the Williamsburg ferry boat *Seneca* came in contact with the steamship *Prometheus* in the East River, whereby the *Seneca* was materially damaged. The *Prometheus* was on her way from the foundry, where she had been for repairs, to her dock on the North River.

ARRIVALS.—On Sunday and Monday there arrived at this port 23 ships, 14 barks, 13 brigs, 55 schooners. Total, 107, bringing 9,344 passengers.

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Board of Aldermen ... Monday.

The Board met last evening at 5 P. M. A very large number of Reports from the other Board were referred. A report increasing the Police force of the Ninth Ward, by three additional Policemen, was concurred in.

CHANGE OF ELECTION POLLS.

Resolutions were concurred in, changing the Election Polls of the following Districts:

Precint.	Ward.	Polls.
I.....	14th....	To No. 64 Third-avenue.
II.....	14th....	To No. 271 Broome-street.
III.....	17th....	To No. 108 Orchard-street.
VIII.....	17th....	To corner of Ninety-third-street and Third-avenue.
II.....	16th....	To No. 121 Ninth-avenue.
II.....	18th....	To No. 99 Clinton-street.
II.....	20th....	To No. 406 Eighth-avenue.

CORPORATION PRINTING.

Alderman CHRISTIE moved that they proceed to the Special Order for the evening, and take up the Report of the Special Committee on Public Printing.

Alderman CHAUNCEY hoped the subject would not be taken up at that time, as there were important matters that required immediate attention, awaiting the action of the Board.

Alderman KELLY wished the document to be taken up—there was no cause for further delay, and they might just as well consider the matter before election as after it. Mechanics and others were suffering for want of information about Corporation matters, &c. He favored the publication of these matters in such papers as the TIMES, Tribune, *Herald* and Sun, which have a general circulation and go among mechanics and others interested in the subjects advertised.

Alderman CHAUNCEY moved that the report be laid on the table. He was not prepared to vote upon the subject as yet, and wanted time to give it further investigation. He thought the report was such as could not be received; there were two things connected with it that could not receive his approbation—the principle of giving the printing of the Board and the advertising in the same contract. He could not see why they should exclude any papers from contracting for the printing, and thought the principle of giving it to the papers of the largest circulation without respect to the local circulation and the influence which they exerted, was erroneous and would be a violation of the Charter. The motion to lay on the table was carried.

CAPT. LUCE AND THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The resolutions complimentary to Capt. LUCE, and tendering to him the hospitalities of the City, which were placed in the Board of Councilmen last week, were referred to the appropriate Committee. The President mentioned that he had received a letter from Capt. LUCE, earnestly requesting that no proceedings with regard to him should pass the Board.

THE RUSS & REID CONTRACT.

The Report of the Special Committee on the Russ & Reid contract for paving Chatham-street, Bowery and Fourth-avenue, and in favor of the acceptance of the surrender of the same, was adopted.

The Board then adjourned to Thursday evening next.

Board of Councilmen ... Monday.

The Board met yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, ELWIN J. BROWN, Esq., President, in the Chair.

After the minutes were approved and read, the Board proceeded to the consideration of the following business:

PETITIONS PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

Of George W. Denning and others, in relation to the grading of Eighty-second-street and its intersection with Fourth-avenue.

To same Forty-first street with gas.

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

That the Commissioners of Repairs and Supplies be instructed to receive proposals for building a house for Hose Company No. 15.

That a gas-lamp be placed in front of the Presbyterian Church in Twenty-fifth-street, between Sixth and Seventh-avenues.

That the Committee on Streets be instructed to examine into the expediency of opening or extending Clifford-street through Pearl-street.

THE SIXTH WARD POLLS.

A lengthy and somewhat warm debate arose on the report of the Committee to whom were referred the resolution and petition in relation to changing the poll of the Third Election District of the First Ward.

The Committee on No. 97 Broadway, to which it is proposed to change the poll, reported that the Venetian Blind Factory, located in that building, was not adapted for election purposes. The principal objection to the present position, No. 128 Greenwich-street, is, that the front room through which the voters must pass either in voting or retiring, is used as a bar-room,—a general rendezvous and place of all sorts of disorderly conduct. The Committee showed that No. 110 Greenwich-street was more central, far distant from the vicinity of the poll of the opposing element, that and disturbed persons would with ease, at any given time, crowd the polls, and prevent honest and good voting. These objections could not be well urged against No. 137 Broadway, in a public thoroughfare, there would be less likelihood for any outbreak; and taken altogether it seemed, and appeared, would operate no inconvenience to voters.

Councilman MAYNARD remarked that the sworn affidavits he presented by the Chairman of the Committee, and supported the resolution.

Councilman BENNETT unreservedly opposed the change, on the plea that the object of the proposed removal was that a greater facility would be afforded to bring false voters from the upper districts of the City.

Councilman WILD supported the resolution.

Councilman CHAUNCEY opposed the resolution, stating that he was sorry to see it so warmly contested, and which disturbances and riots anticipated. It would be better to have the poll on the ground floor than at a height of nineteen stairs.

The Yeas and Nays being called, to refer the document of the owner of the Alderman and Councilmen of the First Ward—Yeas 17, Nays 10.

Councilman BENNETTSON then moved the concurrence with the Board of Aldermen in the original resolution on removal—Lost. Yeas 25, Nays 24.

Sunstroke Insurance.

The representatives of sunstroke from the sun and others, STRIPLING AT BROADWAY.

That the sunstriking of STRIPLING while under the Sun's rays cannot in fact be proved, he and is hereby declared from this date. Defendant having been made to this resolution, it was decided that it be done.

That the Second Election poll of Thirteenth Ward be removed from No. 108 Delancy-street to No. 65 Chatham-street. Adopted.

To sill weather lots on Sixth-avenue.

To remove the poll of the Second Election District of the Twelfth Ward, from No. 445 Eighth-avenue, to No. 406 same avenue. Adopted.

To remove the poll of the Second Election District in the Fifteenth Ward, from the corner of Great Jones-street and Broadway, to Construction Hall, in Broadway. Adopted.

That the poll of Fourth Election District, Twelfth Ward, be removed and held at Walter's fuel store on Eighth-avenue, near One Hundred and Twenty-fifth-street. Adopted.

To appoint Sylvester Ley Commissioner of Deeds for the City and County of New-York, in the place of Thos. Gro. L. Tiesdel, resigned. Adopted.

That the Poll of the Fifth Election, Twelfth Ward, be removed from the house held at John Corbett's Hall, corner One Hundred and Fifty-sixth-street and Tenth-avenue. Adopted.

The Yeas and Nays being taken on a motion to adjourn, the Board adjourned till 8 o'clock on the first Monday in November.

Board of Supervisors.

The Recorder in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS RECEIVED.

Of E. Arnesen, for correction of tax. Of Thomas P. Cummings and others, for remission of tax.

REPORTS RECEIVED.

Of the Irving House, for the board and accommodation of Mrs. Hayes while she was on trial for the shooting of Dr. Lattemer, 6 days, $126 75. Of Hose Company No. 20, for expenses incurred in altering room in the Park, $126 56.

REPORTS ADOPTED.

In favor of granting petitions of J. G. Russel and W. J. Kelly, for remission of tax. Adverse to the petitions of Wm. Nelson and Nathaniel Barber.

In favor of paying the bills for altering the rooms for the accommodation of the Superior Court, $5,000 50.

In favor of paying the bill of John Orser, Sheriff, for the quarter ending September 30th, $1,672 61s.

In favor of paying Hugh Daly for copying records,	$74
In favor of paying John S. Magee do.....	$120
In favor of paying Dennis Flys do.....	84
In favor of paying Robert Fowler, do.....	60
	$334

In favor of paying George Boyd for work done in fitting up the Court of Common Pleas, $314.

In favor of paying the bill of George Boyd for putting up the Clerk's office in the Common Pleas, $600.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

That the Sheriff appoint as many Deputy Marshalls as shall be required by the Supervisors or the several Wards on the 7th November next, for the arrest and detection of illegal voters.

Adjourned to the first Monday in November next.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

COURT CALENDAR—TUESDAY, Oct. 24.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.—Nos. 67, 68, 69, 34, 81, 32, 33, 35, 36, 19, 17, 21, 23, 25.

OYER AND TERMINER.—Murder trial.

COMMON PLEAS.—Part 2, Erton.

SUPERIOR COURT.—Nos. 342, 479, 524, 571, 606, 622, 166 to 171, 427, 429, 543, 565, 566, 569, 670, 366, 1287, 326, 444, 526, 581, 671, 672, 674 to 677, 682 to 690, 693 to 701, 702, 705 to 717, 23.

SUPREME COURT—Circuit—Nos. 756, 500, 406, 701, 622, 643, 741, 774, 565, 666, 667, 669 to 672.

SUPREME COURT—Special Term.—Nos. 115, 28, 775. Demurrers 26, 76, 80, 86, 97, 128, 136, 137.

COMMON PLEAS—MONDAY.

Before Judge Daly.

POLITICAL LIBEL ON AN EX-ALDERMAN.

Thomas J. Barr vs. *Henry Erton*.—At the opening of the Court Mr. James R. Whiting commenced his summing up on the part of the defense. After the learned gentleman had continued his speech for about an hour he was interrupted, and the Jury took a recess, whilst Judge Daly was occupied in the General Term. On the resumption of the proceedings Mr. Whiting continued his speech, which lasted until the adjournment of the Court this day. Mr. Jas. T. Brady will sum up for the plaintiff.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—Oct. 23.

Before Judge Betts.

Wilson vs. *The Steamboat Jenness*; *Abbot* vs. *The Same*.—Counsel were engaged in summing up these causes, which have been on trial for two or three days back.

They are suits brought by material men against the steamboat to recover for repairs put on her in this port. Various parties intervened, claiming that they were entitled to be paid the amount of mortgages on the vessel, given to them to secure the purchase money, before the material men were paid their demands. The case has been fully tried, and the decision of it will be looked for with interest.

For libellants—Mr. McMahon and Mr. Hogg.

For claimants—Mr. Betts, Mr. Burrill, Mr. Donohoe and Mr. Stanton.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.—Oct. 23.

Before Judge Betts.

The panel of Grand Jurors was called this morning, and the following gentlemen were sworn in as a Grand Jury:

Harvey Brown,	John A. Appleby,	Cornelius Boyce,
Jas. B. Cammann,	Jas. E. Livingston,	David Olney,
Jas. Carlisle,	Saml. Carlisle,	Thos. K. Everett,
Jas. T. Taylor,	Saml. Hill,	Ralph Hall,
J. G. Wolfe,	Saml. Pike, Jr.,	Moses B. Taylor,
J. H. Thorburn,	Martin Waters,	Jas. Lawlor,
Abner Mixer,	Jas. S. Wood,	Jas. Hutchinson,
John Cock,	James Marrinan.	

Judge Betts then proceeded to charge the Jury briefly and generally. His charge, however, called their attention to the recent violations of the law in reference to the slave trade.

The District Attorney gave notice that he should move the trial of Capt. Smith, indicted for being engaged in the slave trade, on Monday next.

Mr. Denning, counsel for Mr. Smith, said it was doubtful whether he should be ready then.

Judge Betts announced to the bar that the Circuit Court at Albany had come to a close earlier than had been expected, and Judge Nelson would therefore be here to-day or to-morrow, and he should therefore take up no long case. No cause being ready for the Court, the Court adjourned till to-morrow.

SUPREME COURT.—SPECIAL TERM.—Oct. 23.

Before Hon. Judge Roosevelt.

PARTITION.—THE LATE COURT OF CHANCERY.—ITS POWERS.

The late Court of Chancery had the power to decree a sale in partition, although the bill prayed only for an actual partition.

Bibby vs. *Cadwallader*.—The facts in this case appear sufficiently in the opinion of the Court, which was rendered by

ROOSEVELT, J.—The two sons and three daughters of the late Nicholas Gouverneur, the elder, were the owners as tenants in common of a block of ground in Twelfth Ward of this City, bounded by the Third and Fourth-avenues and Seventy-third and Seventy-fourth-streets, which, about nine years ago was sold under a decree in partition for the sum of $3,500, Mr. Bibby, who was the plaintiff in the suit, being the purchaser.

Mrs. Tillotson, one of the heirs, having died, her surviving husband and six children were made parties to the suit in her stead. One of them, Miss Marie Louise Tillotson, who was a minor at the time, has since arrived at age, and now presents her petition, praying in effect that the sale so far as she

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Slavery Extension—Mr. Blunt's Letter to Judge Bronson.

We published not many days since, in one of Judge Bronson's multitudinous letters to Mr. Delavan, a statement that the Whig Candidate for Governor had committed himself at Auburn to an attack upon Slavery *in the Southern States*. In another part of this morning's Times will be found a reply to that imputation, and a vindication of the action of the Auburn Convention, from the pen of Joseph Blunt, Esq., who was one of its most active and influential members. The letter is well worth reading,—not only as a reply to Judge Bronson's unjust assault, but as an eloquent and decisive statement of the position now held by the Free-States, in their resistance to the aggressions of Slavery. In one point Mr. Blunt concedes too much to his opponent. He supposes that Judge Bronson found a pretext for his statement in the speech of a Delegate to the Auburn Anti-Nebraska Convention. This is a mistake. The Judge was compelled to go outside of that body for evidence on which to convict it of Abolition views;—the sentence he quotes is from the speech of a Delegate to the Convention of the *Free Democracy*,—which was altogether a separate affair. But this is of little consequence. Mr. Blunt places the extravagance and injustice of Judge Bronson's imputation in a clear and striking light; and it will puzzle the Judge, with all his acuteness, to weaken the force of Mr. Blunt's argument.

The great issue to be decided a fortnight hence, is whether New-York assents to the repeal of the Missouri Compromise,—the indefinite extension of Slavery, and the permanent domination of the Slave-holding interest over all the departments—Legislative, Executive and Judicial—of this great Republic. This is the issue which the Slave Power has made. It has signalized, in characters which cannot be mistaken, its purpose to break down all the barriers which resist its progress to complete, enduring ascendency over all the affairs, foreign and domestic, of this Union. It took its boldest and its largest stride first. It repealed the oldest legislative Compromise limiting Slavery, on our national records. It repudiated a compact sacred in the affections of the nation by the alarms it had quieted,—the dangers it had averted, and the blessings it had secured. It defied the popular will,—mocked the public conscience, and trode remorselessly on the profoundest sympathies and convictions of the public heart. It did this deliberately, and with brazen but calculating boldness. It knew that if the Free States would stand this, they would stand anything. It knew that this was the great step to be secured,—the first and the only step which "costs;"—and that this once passed, and Northern acquiescence secured, all its other measures, however high-handed and audacious, would be of easy attainment. The whole machinery at its service was, therefore, put in motion. The bill was crowded through Congress by the power of Executive patronage and of party drill. The same potent influences have been at work ever since, to enforce acquiescence in it.

The result is seen in the recent elections, and will be still more manifest, we trust, in those that are yet to come. In all New-England, in the great central State of Pennsylvania, and in the mighty West, the tide of popular indignation has rolled its flood over the champions of Slavery aggression, and has swept them from political existence. It is idle and absurd to attribute these results to other causes. No other cause is at all adequate to the great result which has been achieved. The popular heart has been profoundly touched—the public indignation has been fearfully aroused, by these bold and daring attempts to subject our national legislation—all our active functions as a Republic—to the upbuilding and justification of Slavery. It is this feeling which has swept over the land and prostrated the Administration, which has proved itself the mere tool of a sectional interest. Nor is the demonstration ended. New-York, we are confident, will utter *her* voice in still louder tones of condemnation. In spite of all the efforts that may be made, by open and secret foes, to stifle its utterance or give to it an uncertain sound, we have too much faith in the conviction and sentiment of the millions of her people to doubt for a moment of the result. New-York will add her demand to that of her sister States, that there shall be henceforth a North as well as a South, and that Freedom as well as Slavery shall have its Rights.

Needed here too.

In the compact between the United States and The Kingdom of Loo Choo, it is stipulated that "if persons from United States vessels stopping at the islands shall "violently go into houses, or 'trifle with women,' or force people to sell them things, or do other such like illegal acts, they shall be arrested by the local officers—but not maltreated—and shall be reported to the captain of the ship to which they belong, for punishment by him."

It were no bad thing, if persons on the Island of Manhattan were put under arrest for trifling with women. How many there are whose highest ambition it is to trifle elegantly with women—to flirt gaily and exchange small-talk like a snob! There is a class more contemptible and inhuman, who trifle with the affections of women, studying to despoil them of their priceless jewels, their modesty and virtue, and then mangling on them. If authorities stationed at the Loo Choo are worthy of punishment for their trifling, these reprobates—fungi that poison and flourish by poisoning society—are worthy of the scorn of honest people, and every lash that manly justice has to lay on beside.

The Fate of Franklin—Second Grinnell Expedition.

The fate of Sir John Franklin we cannot longer doubt. The evidence that the remains lately discovered were those of the gallant explorer and his companions, is circumstantial indeed, but very conclusive. In our telegraphic columns are additional details of the story that saddens the world. Sir John must have left his ships during the late Winter or early Spring of 1850, and started southward, hoping to reach the country of the Hudson's Bay Company. The dispatch says that the natives gathered from the signs made by the forlorn party, that their ships were crushed by the ice. They may have been utterly crushed and broken to fragments, or they may have floated out in their shorn condition and been the ones descried, by several navigators as at sea drifting southward during the Summer of that year. This was four years of wandering and waiting among the icebergs after his wintering on Beechey Island, and how that interval was spent, or where it was that the vessels were crushed, we shall not probably ever know. Back's, or the Great Fish River, is a long way to the southward of that point, in the Queen Victoria Channel, where it was so long hoped that he had effected an entrance into the clear Northern Sea,—not less than eleven or twelve degrees. It rises in the latitude of 64°, flows east and north through lakes Pelly and MacDougal, and empties into a bay of the great Arctic Sea, which bears the name of Lady Franklin. The ample equipments of the party might not have availed them when driven from their ships, and it is easier than not to imagine that fierce storms, heavy blocking snows, a scarcity of provisions and scurvy may have made living impossible to the most experienced and hardy Englishmen, although the Esquimaux passed up and down in those icy solitudes and are safe. Further relics may be discovered, but by degrees the interest in his case will be turned over to the fate of those who are still searching for him.

We published on the 17th inst. extracts from our foreign files relating the return of the British ships, the arrival of Capt. McClure, and the last abandonment of the long search. Capt. Collinson, who went out in 1850 with the *Enterprise*, is still out, but much doubt hangs over his fate. In the Summer of 1852 he was pushing along the coast of the Continent eastward from his Winter harbor in Walker Bay. Sir Edward Belcher thought fit to leave not only the missing *Enterprise* to work out her own safety, or to perish, but his own four unimpaired ships to rot also. Poor Collinson may share the fate of Franklin for anything that now appears to inspire a hope to the contrary. Until England hears from us the news of the discovery of Franklin's remains, they who still entertain a forlorn hope that he may be safe, look for its fulfillment only toward the results of the American Expedition under Doctor Kane. But it is said that the ice has not been so packed into those Northern harbors at any time for forty-seven years back as during the past Winter, and the Summer just past was not warm enough to give any hope that an exit could be made through the ice from the upper parts of Baffin's Bay. Whalers moreover report that they have not been able to cruise near as high as usual, the icy barrier extending much further South than is common. Hence it is not probable that we shall see anything of the *Advance* before *next* Summer.

We publish this morning a letter written by her Surgeon, dated July 20, 1853, which is the last that has been brought from this Second Grinnell Expedition. At that time they were preparing to leave the little brig in Sir Thomas Smith's Sound—the very highest latitude yet reached in the Arctic Sea,—and thence a party of nine, with an India-rubber boat and a most economical store of provisions, was to push Northward over the ice, searching for the Franklin. It will be remembered that the theory has been believed that the isothermal line is South of the latitude where the Doctor now is—that it is supposed to grow warmer as you pass Northward from a point some way to the South of Smith's Sound, and even that an open sea may be reached by pushing far enough northward. Here, at all events, he was to prosecute his search. Feeding on "pemican," carrying a wardrobe each of ten pounds, and in lighter spirits than we would suppose possible, they intended during the nine Winter months to continue their search. They would return on foot, "in the darkness of the polar night, guided by their compass and the stars."

Doubtless they thought then that during July and August the ice would move out and allow the brig to move too. And until lately she had been looked for at this port. But what chance is there now for her return? Winter has set in, and there is little doubt but that the bold adventurers must spend another tedious nine months ice-bound. That it may be otherwise we cannot but hope for a little while yet, though in the face of reason.

Captain Luce and the City Councils.

It will be seen from our report of the proceedings in the Board of Aldermen last night, that the resolutions, offering public honors to Captain Luce, were referred to a Committee. One of the Aldermen, moreover, mentioned that he had received a letter from Captain Luce, requesting that no proceedings of the kind proposed might be taken by the Common Council. This is so obviously the dictate of propriety that no one can be surprised at the tenor of Captain Luce's request. He could not well have been placed in a more embarrassing position than to be made the recipient of public honors, on account of a catastrophe which swept hundreds of his fellow men into a sudden and a watery grave, under circumstances which will inevitably leave on the public mind the indelible impression that all was not done which should have been done, to provide for the rescue of those on board.

We have no desire to dwell upon this most painful aspect of this awful calamity:—and we trust that the action of our Common Council will not again bring it on the public notice.

The Bible and Science.

The Presbyterian *Quarterly Review* for the current month devotes its leader to a notice of the "Types of Mankind, or Ethnological Researches" of Messrs. Nott, Gliddon, Agassiz, Usher and Patterson. It is unusually pointed and pungent. The main design of the review is to defend the commonly understood Biblical doctrine of the Unity of the Races, but it contains a large amount of collateral information and general scientific argument. It is a bold and manly defence of the Christian view of this subject, lucid in its logic, clear in method and thoroughly satisfactory in its conclusions to all who accept the ordinary interpretations of the Scriptures. The theory, advocated by the distinguished authors of the "Types," is rejected by the majority of naturalists, among whom may be enumerated Prichard, Balbi, Adelung, as well as Bachman and Smith of South Carolina. The reviewer is very strong in his condemnation of the work. Says he, "As an attack on the Scriptures, the work is at once the most crude, the most impotent, and the most impious of recent times. It has no one element of a work of science; it contains no sound induction and establishes no reliable principle of ethnology. As a literary production, it has scurrility without wit; pedantry without learning; theory without argument; conclusions without premises; and heartless, revolting skepticism, with scarcely a redeeming quality."

One would think that it was time for this quarrel between natural science and the Bible to have an end. The historical, miraculous, and moral evidences of the truth of the scriptures are as perfect as arguments can make it. These proofs have borne every trial, and stood all sorts of tests. The progress of civilization has only added to their strength, and the advance of scientific inquiry, whenever it has been genuine and rational, has confirmed the common faith in their entire conclusiveness. Scripture stands on its own ground, and is secure against any successful assault. These sideway attacks are utterly out of place. If the Bible is to be impugned, go at it in its own department of evidences. There is some sense, whatever may be thought of the piety, in such a mode of warfare. It, at least, proposes to assail the defendant in its own fortress. We have no idea that any objections to the authenticity of the Bible are worth a farthing. But if men are not content with evidences, that have the sanction of all enlightened human experience and the uniform endorsement of centuries, let them come right up in front of the question and debate its true issues.

Philosophy at Lowell.

Every man owes it to society to become rich, for the poor man's advice is never heeded, let it be ever so valuable. The more wise one may be, the more he owes it to his country to become wealthy. Every addition made to a man's fortune adds ten per cent. to his influence. Let a man throw a doubloon on the counter, and every one will want to hear it ring. Throw a cent down, however, and its voice would prove no more attractive than a poor relation's.

The above is from the *Lowell Courier*. It is the last discovery of this philosophic age, and doubtless it will be hailed by many as a considerable item. We may reasonably expect that it will be a fresh stimulant to busy brains and toiling hands. If such a motive is to be added to all other inducements to acquire wealth, what may not be expected? Political economy has utterly failed to recognize this mighty element in the productive power of a country—this conscience of money-getting. It must be rewritten, with a special chapter on the duty of wise men. The idea about advice is suggestive. How much is our Lowell cotemporary worth? Let us have an inventory of goods and effects, so that we may affix a just valuation on this piece of wisdom. But seriously, are we not all anxious and restless enough to obtain property without sanctifying the hot pursuit by a sense of duty?

It has sometimes occurred to us, that this country was under the greatest of obligations to that much-abused thing called Poverty. We have thought that it had given us our best inventions, our finest improvements, our noblest men. But alas, our beautiful theory has fled, and we can moralize no more over Diogenes in his tub and Cincinnatus at his plow. It is hard to see our cobwebs glitter in the sunshine no longer—our nicely-spun fibres of sentiment. We submit—we back out—we vanish. The financial editor of the newspaper will hereafter be expected to appraise all logic and learning so as to see whether they have the ring of the doubloon or the cent. The next preacher, who insists that the love of money is the root of evil, may calculate on being called to account for unpatriotic doctrines.

City Printing.

The City Printing is still unprovided for. Months ago the Board of Councilmen passed an ordinance upon the subject, and several weeks have elapsed since the Committee in the Board of Aldermen reported in favor of concurring. Their report was laid on the table, and *kept there* until certain Congressional nominations were properly arranged. An effort was made last night to bring the matter up for action, but it seems the emergencies of certain *Reform* members of that body, required that it should be postponed until after the *election*. Nearly a year has now elapsed since the new Council was elected; and half a year has passed away since the City ceased to have any regularly designated medium for communicating with the public. So far as the great mass of our citizens are concerned, the proceedings are not published at all. Contractors, tax-payers, parties interested in assessments, laborers, and the citizens at large, are kept in profound ignorance of the doings of the City Government. This state of things has been perpetuated to meet the necessities of aspiring politicians,—and now it seems aspiring Reformers find it equally convenient for their purposes.

The Balance Dock Not Launched.

Some 3,000 persons were congregated yesterday about the immense Balance Dock, at the foot of North Twelfth-street, Williamsburg, to witness its descent into the water. It was not in readiness until after 10 o'clock, at which time the tide was going out, and from this fact, or that there was not sufficient descent to the ways, the launch was postponed until to-day at 11 A. M.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The New Steam Frigates—The Ringgold Surveying Expedition.

(Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.)

WASHINGTON, Sunday Oct. 22, 1854.

The Board of Engineers, to whom the Secretary of the Navy has referred the plans and specifications presented by the two lowest bidders for the contract to build the machinery and boilers of the steam frigate *Niagara*, now constructing at New-York, have not yet made their Report. The Secretary has a heavy responsibility resting upon him in this construction. The *Niagara* is to be the largest ship in the world; and upon the capacity and perfection of her engines must depend, in considerable degree, whether the vessel shall prove the greatest triumph of naval construction, or the greatest of all the botches the American Navy has yet produced. I know he will not allow personal influence to swerve him in the slightest degree in deciding upon the builder of the engines. The greatest danger is, that he may be imposed upon by speculators, who care nothing for the Navy, except so far as they can make a few thousands out of a contract, careless whether their work does them honor, or stands the *practical test of years of service*. Mr. Dobbin has done well in repudiating the system of *sealed* bids for this work. The bids were all open, and from the number offered he selected the two lowest, one of which is to be the fortunate one, *provided* the Secretary shall be thoroughly satisfied that the bidder's plan is a good one, and that the bidder has the requisite skill and the other means necessary to the faithful performance of his contract. If he has any doubt on either of these points, he has still the power to reject all bids and advertise for more.

It is sincerely to be hoped that the Secretary will avail himself of the prudent reserve he has thus maintained, so as not to give his contract to irresponsible parties, for the sake of saving a few thousand dollars in the first cost of the work. Nor is the term "responsible" confined to the office of describing merely the ability of a party to give suitable security for the performance of his contract. The New-York engines *must succeed*. We want no experimenting. It is not enough that if the engines fail, the Secretary has in his hands securities supposed to be sufficient to enable him to punish the delinquents. There must be no failure, and that policy which looks to the possibility of failure, and so neglects the slightest precaution necessary to insure success, will be freely condemned by the country, as it ought to be. The Secretary should take care that this contract is not obtained by mere speculators, who must necessarily job it out to third parties—men who have no reputation to lose by a failure. The success of the engines will be doubly insured by a contract with parties who have proven their capabilities, and who have made reputation that is to be lost or enhanced, according as they shall faithfully or faithlessly execute this great contract with the Government. New-York mechanics have much at stake in the success of the frigate Niagara; and her citizens will not be satisfied if the Secretary should allow any considerations of false economy to banish such as I have suggested from his mind.

What a miserable farce has Ringgold's North Pacific Exploring Expedition proved itself thus far, through the gross mismanagement of those who arranged its details. It will be remembered that this Expedition was authorized by Congress, on the motion of Senator Seward, who, in a highly interesting and practical speech, showed most conclusively that a modest expedition to Behring's Straits and the North Pacific, well planned and judiciously conducted, would open new and valuable fields to our whalers and our Commerce. He had no idea that anything more would be needed for the work than two small vessels; and an appropriation of $150,000 was expected to cover the entire expense of the proposed survey. In carrying out the details of the plan, the Department more than doubled this price, and expended the whole appropriation of $150,000 in getting the expedition ready to go to work.

If I mistake not, Mr. Seward obtained many of the facts on which he based his inquiry into the advantages to flow from such an expedition, from Lieut. T. J. Page, an intelligent and most worthy and enterprising gentleman. By all rule and right, he should have been appointed to the command of the expedition. But the command, being a very desirable one, was applied for by Lieut. Cadwallader Ringgold, upon whom it was conferred by Secretary Kennedy, while Page was sent off in a miniature steamer to survey a South American river. He who suggested the Pacific Expedition was rewarded with neglect; and the expedition was robbed of the genius that would have been its chief element of success. The expedition has been absent a year, or a year and a half. In that time it should have nearly completed its work; and yet it is hardly upon the ground of its intended operations, while its commander, Ringgold, I am sorry to say, is on his way home to the United States, suffering under what it is feared will prove to be confirmed lunacy. I suppose Page cannot easily be reached; but if he can be, Secretary Dobbin will do a wise act to send for him post-haste, and dispatch him to execute the work his genius originated.

ARMY REGULATIONS.

The following orders have just been issued from Washington:

GENERAL ORDERS—No. 13.

War Department, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, Oct. 10, 1854.

The following regulations are published by direction of the War Department:

1. When the officers at the Medical Department deem the issue of anti-scorbutics necessary for the health of troops actively employed in the field, at sea, or at posts where it is impracticable to cultivate gardens, issues of anti-scorbutics (of such kinds and at such rates as may be established by the Commissary General of Subsistence) may be made on the requisition of the medical officer serving with the troops, approved by the commanding officer. When the troops are not employed on any duties of fatigue or labor, (beyond ordinary police duties,) anti-scorbutics may be issued in lieu of some part of the ordinary rations of equivalent value, and in such proportions as may be designated by the Commissary General of Subsistence; or they may be purchased with the company fund from the Subsistence Department at contract prices.

2. When an officer is prevented by ill health from joining his regiment or corps, he will, in addition to the medical certificate required by paragraph two of the regulation published in General Order No. 15 of 1853, transmit, on honor, a full statement of his case to the commanding officer of his station, to the Adjutant-General's Office, and to the Headquarters of the Army.

3. Officers of the Army accountable for recruiting funds will make to the Adjutant-General of the Army, on the last day of each month, a monthly summary statement of the moneys received, expended, and remaining on hand, on account of the appropriation for the "expenses of recruiting."

4. Officers of, or doing duty in, any of the disbursing departments of the Army, will report, on their monthly summary statements, where, and with whom, the balances for which they are respectively accountable are deposited.

By order of the Secretary of War.

S. COOPER, Adjutant-General.

Memorandum.—In all applications to the Adjutant-General's Office for information concerning the former services of enlisted men, with the view of determining the allowances to which they are entitled under the act of Aug. 4, 1854, it is required, in order to facilitate the examination of the records, that the company and regiment in which the soldier last served, and the date of his enlistment and discharge, (or an approximation thereto,) should be stated.

S. COOPER, Adjutant-General.

I learn that the time at which army officers, whose regiments are serving in Texas, are ordered to start to join their respective corps, has been extended to next month. They were to have left for Texas on the 20th inst. s.

Meeting of the City Tract Society.

A meeting of the City Tract Society was held in the Bible House last evening. A. R. Wetmore, Esq., occupied the Chair. Interesting reports from Missionaries were read. The Society has 27 Missionaries in its employ, who direct 1,169 visitors. From the reports it appears that there have been distributed by the Society during the past month 112,696 tracts, 109 bibles, 129 testaments, and 574 bound Volumes. Through the instrumentality of the Society 37 persons have been gathered into Bible classes, 61 children sent to the Public Schools, 144 persons sent to Church, and 25 persons induced to sign the Temperance pledge; 113 prayer meetings have been held, four inebriates reclaimed and 17 conversions reported. The next (20th) Anniversary of the Society will be held in the Reformed Dutch Church, Lafayette-place, on the 13th of December next, and Rev. Mr. Chenault was appointed to prepare the Annual Report.

We have been assured by parties who ought to be well informed in regard to the circumstances of the recent affair of honor, which was to have come off in Canada, that the statement given in yesterday's Times, contained several errors, intentional, if allowed to pass without correction, to do serious injustice to the parties concerned. As we have no desire in the matter except to make a perfectly fair and correct statement of the facts, we present what we have reason to believe will be found reliable.

The principals in this affair were Mr. Geo. P. H——r, of this City, and Mr. G. B. S——y, of Philadelphia, and the meeting took place on the 16th inst. at Niagara Falls. The challenge came from Mr. H——r, and the provocation to it was contained in a letter written by Mr. S——r to Mr. Henry H——r, on Tuesday, the 9th of October, in regard to an attack made upon Mr. S. that day by Mr. H——r, Senior. It seems that while walking near Gramercy Park, Mr. S. was accosted by Mr. H——r, who got out of his carriage, and, coming up to him, struck him several blows with his cane, as Mr. S. alleges, without provocation, but, according to the statement of the other party, in chastisement for various annoyances to which members of his family have been subjected by Mr. S. for some time past. In this letter to Mr. Henry H——r, Mr. S. charged him with having skulked in the carriage during the transaction, and with falsehood in certain statements he had made, and saying he could not quarrel with a man of gray hairs, but inviting a challenge from him or any of his brothers. On Saturday morning, the 7th, Mr. Geo. P. H——r informed Mr. S. that he intended to assume his brother's quarrel, upon which Mr. S. declared his readiness to receive a visit from any friend he might send to him. It is alleged that Mr. Edward E., who had consented to act as the friend of Mr. Geo. P. H——r, called several times at the room of Mr. S——r, but was repeatedly told that he was not in; and it was not until Wednesday, the 11th, that he succeeded in finding him, when he met him in Broadway and made an appointment to meet Mr. T. J. B——n on his behalf the next day at 12 o'clock. On Thursday Mr. E. called and delivered to Mr. B. a sealed note, informing him that it was a challenge from Mr. Geo. P. H——r to Mr. G. B. S——r, which was at once accepted on behalf of the latter. Mr. E. then proposed that the meeting should take place near Niagara Falls, and that the preliminaries should be at once arranged; to which Mr. B. replied that as his principal was the challenged party, it was his right to fix the place and manner of meeting, which should be done as soon as convenient. On Saturday, the 14th, Mr. E. wrote, complaining that so long a time as forty-eight hours should have elapsed without anything definite being arranged, which Mr. B. excused by saying he had been compelled to wait until he could hear from friends to whom he had applied in Philadelphia. Mr. Edward E., it is stated, wrote in reply that as he was himself compelled to go out of town that day, he must decline any further connection with the affair. Mr. B. wrote to Mr. Geo. P. H——r that Mr. S——r would be at Niagara Falls, on the Canada side, at 12 o'clock on the 16th, to make arrangements for a hostile meeting.

On the 16th, Mr. Robt. H——r, Jr., reached the Clifton House, and sent his card to Mr. T. J. B——n, and was told in reply that he had gone out riding. In walking out soon after, Mr. Robert H——r, Jr., met Mr. B——n in the garden, and said to him: "Mr. B., in consequence of the delay of yourself and your friend, Mr. Edward E. has seen fit to decline having any further connection with the affair; and I am here, therefore, as my brother's second, and am ready to make all necessary preliminary arrangements with you, for a meeting." Mr. B——n replied that he was expecting some friends from Philadelphia,—but said he would walk with him to the Falls, and show him the ground selected. Mr. H——r replied that this was not necessary, but that after the preliminaries had been arranged, they would drive thither in two carriages, from the Clifton House. Mr. Robert H——r, Jr. left him and went to the hotel, where he procured his pistols and was on the ground at 12 o'clock precisely, where he found Mr. B——n, but neither his principal nor his Philadelphia friends, who he said, had not arrived. Mr. B——n asked Mr. H——r to meet him at his parlor at 1 o'clock, which he did, when he asked for further time, and Mr. H——r gave him twenty four hours.

Mr. S——r's friends from Philadelphia, Mr. Morris M——n and Capt. R——s, soon after arrived, and arrangements were made for a meeting. Before going to the ground, Mr. Morris M——n recognized one of the three forming Mr. H——r's party as Mr. John Travers, the keeper of a shooting gallery in New-York, who, Mr. B——n said, had been indicated to him as Mr. H——r's second. Upon this recognition Mr. B——n sent a note to Mr. Geo. P. H——r, stating that he had brought and introduced them, as his friend, a person whom his principal could not and would not meet, and declining any further communication from him. This note was handed to a waiter to be given to Mr. Geo. P. H——r, and the whole of Mr. S——r's party immediately got into their carriage and drove off, without giving the second of Mr. H——r, as is alleged, time to reply.

These are the facts of the case substantially as stated to us by the friends of Mr. H——r. They allege that Mr. Travers is not a gambler, but the keeper of a respectable shooting-gallery in this City; that he was not present as Mr. H——r's second, but only as a spectator, and that as Mr. S——r's second well knew this to be the fact, his refusing to meet Mr. Travers was only a pretext to avoid a meeting. Mr. B——n, on the other hand, insists that Mr. Travers was presented to him as Mr. H——r's friend, and as a merchant from New-Orleans; that he did not know Mr. Robert H——r, Jr., at all in the relation of his brother's second, and that it was clearly a violation of the code of honor for Mr. H——r to introduce a person of Mr. Travers' professional character upon the ground at such a meeting.

The friends of Mr. S——r, therefore, charge upon Mr. H——r gross misconduct in the arrangements of the meeting; and the friends of the latter charge the former with having availed themselves of a mere pretext to avoid the meeting.

It is further alleged that Mr. S——r, so far from having been on intimate terms with Mr. M., and expecting a legacy from him, was forbidden his house some two years since, and that since that time there has been no friendship or even acquaintance between them; but that Mr. S——r has persisted in thrusting himself upon Mr. M.'s family, greatly to his annoyance and that of all his connections.

Amusements.

Metropolitan Theatre.—Mr. and Mrs. Alberto Pizzes Baker made their first appearance here last evening. The lady is known to our audiences, having performed some years ago at the Broadway Theatre. Mr. Baker we do not remember to have seen before.

The tragedy of "Ion" is certainly one of the heaviest acting tragedies ever written. In the closet the beauties are enjoyable, but on the stage they are comparatively buried beneath the laborious efforts of the actors to make points where none are possible. For those reasons we do not think Mrs. Baker's selection a happy one, there particularly as her physical and vocal powers are inadequate to the just interpretation of a severely classic hero like "Ion." We expected to be disappointed in our first impression of Mrs. Baker's acting, and will therefore defer any remarks we have to make for another opportunity.

Mr. Baker, as Adrastus, performed with much earnestness, but fell into the common error on this Theatre, of ranting. He has a fine voice, and in person somewhat resembles Macready. Occasional readings gave us a highly favorable opinion of his powers.

Mrs. Conway, as Clemantia, looked beautiful and acted well. Excepting Mr. Thompson, who, as Medon, was respectable, all the other characters were sustained in a manner utterly beneath criticism.

To-night Mrs. Baker appears in "The Foundling of Paris," and will be supported by her husband and Mr. Eddy.

Niblo's Garden.—The "Bohemian Children" made their appearance here last evening, for the first time since their return from California. They have grown and improved both physically and morally, and are now more than ever wonderful prodigies. They were received with great applause, and will repeat their entertainment every evening.

The Castle Garden Circus opened last eve

ing and succeeded in pleasing a large number of people. There will also be an afternoon performance at 3 o'clock to-day.

Madame Isabella Glaser described on the Italian Prima Donna, gives a Concert this evening at Niblo's Saloon. The programme now before us is certainly the best and most varied we have seen for a long period. Madame Isabella Clark sings in a selection from Verdi's "Don Pasquale," the "Casta Diva," a cavatina from the "Sonnambula," ballad "Kathleen Mavourneen," and "Casta Diva."

One of the minor attractions of this Concert will be a grand Sextette by Hungarians. The performers are all excellent and the work will doubtless be rendered in an able manner. Mr. Henry Appy, a violin amateur, gave to our audiences, plays two solos, and Signor Gaetano Leonardo, a new baritone, from the Italian Opera Troupe, sings a "Romanza" and an "Aria." The Concert promises to be exceedingly attractive.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEPOT FOR THE SALE of DESILLE'S CELEBRATED TASTELESS PILLS FOR FEVER AND AGUE.—Owing to the unprecedented demand for this new specific for fever and ague, a wholesale and retail depôt has been opened at No. 161 Broadway, nearly opposite the Tabernacle. The inventor of the remedy, Mr. DESILLE, will be in constant attendance, and advise in most the particular case of fever and ague patients will be given gratuitously by him.

These pills are warranted to cure the "worst cases."

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C. D. DESILLE, Agent, No. 161 Broadway.

LADIES' FALL BONNETS AT GENIN'S BAZAAR.—An extensive and magnificent assortment of Fall Bonnets, comprising the choicest styles which the Parisian modistes have devised shall be the rage this season, (all for varied from Havre in advance of their advent abroad,) will be opened at GENIN'S Bazaar. It is believed that the exhibition will surpass in splendor and variety any display of the kind ever made in this country. GENIN'S BAZAAR, No. 513 Broadway, St. Nicholas Hotel.

UNDERGARMENTS, HOSIERY, GLOVES, &c.—Those in want of these articles should call and examine the assortment offered at No. 128 Bowery. The THREE-THREADED GOODS, manufactured by the undersigned, deserve a trial, elastic, durable, unshrinkable and cheap.

A. RANKIN & CO., Mfrs.

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IMPORTANT SALE OF FRENCH CHINA AND FANCY GOODS.

E. V. HAUGHWOUT, Nos. 488 and 490 Broadway, having secured from the manufacturers during his late trip to France, a large assortment of cheap French China and Fancy Goods originally

INTENDED FOR THE RUSSIAN MARKET,

will open on MONDAY, Oct. 23, a new

CHEAP SIDE SHOW ROOM,

On the plan of Cross Street, Liverpool, and in consequence of the EXTREMELY LOW RATES at which these goods have been consigned, will be enabled to sell

DINING SERVICES for $22, formerly sold for $40.
DECORATED TEA SETS for $3.50, formerly sold for $10,
and a very large variety of other articles at equally low rates. These goods have hitherto been sold exclusively for the Russian market, but owing to the non-intercourse now existing between France and Russia, will hereafter be sold to us. They will be seen easily for sale in the side show room, and the public may rely upon their being sold at the above rates.

"HOW MANY BRIGHT EYES GROW DIM—HOW many soft cheeks grow pale!" and how many feel that their loveliness is lost! Grief, in many instances, has been known to turn the greatest beauty to the growth, and color of the hair. In such cases and many others, where all else fails, and doses and medicines and washes have proved ineffectual, nature, has proved successful and wonderful restoratives. The best of these are BOGLE'S HYPERION FLUID, for strengthening the growth, preventing baldness, and restoring the hair; THE HAIR DYE, changes the hair to any shade, or dark brown color. Sold by the inventor, WILLIAM BOGLE, No. 277 Washington-st., Boston. Sold by Hall, Sweet & Co., Buffalo; Jas. Wood, Albany; Jas. Dickinson, Troy; Jas. Dickinson, Rochester; Jas. Dickinson, Syracuse; Jas. Dickinson, Utica; Jas. Dickinson, Oswego; Jas. Dickinson, Ogdensburgh; Jas. Dickinson, Lockport; Jas. Dickinson, Niagara Falls; Jas. Dickinson, Canandaigua; Jas. Dickinson, Geneva; Jas. Dickinson, Auburn

SPECIAL NOTICES.

☞ Third Ward Whig Nominations.—Pursuant to notice, the Whigs met at Patten's Hotel, October 18, 1854. Mr. GUY R. PELTON was chosen Chairman, and EMMERES B. SHAFER, Secretary.

The Committee unanimously nominated the following ticket:

For Assembly—SAMUEL H. MOYER.
For Sheriff—WILLIAM H. BEAK.
For Assessor—ARCHIBALD COCHRANE.
For School Commissioner—WILLIAM ALLASON.
For Inspector—ANDREW LITTLE.
For Constables—JOSEPH A. STICKNEY, JONATHAN J. HOWLAND.
For Coroner—ANDREW NESBITT, ALEXANDER THOMPSON.

Inspectors of Election.

1st District—Thomas D. Winchester, James Dusenbury.
2d District—C. St. John, John M. Flint.
3d District—George Parker, C. S. Sloan.
4th District—Charles Hicks, William S. Chamberlain.

G. R. PELTON, Chairman.
EMMERES B. SHAFER, Secretary.

☞ Ninth Ward—CITY REFORM.—The citizens of the 9th Ward desirable to the reelection of PETER F. VOGELSANG for Alderman and the present Councilmen, and of CHARLES G. LEIGH for Assembly, also respectfully to assemble in Mechanics' Building THIS EVENING (Oct. 24) at 7 o'clock.

☞ Fifteenth Ward—INDEPENDENT WHIG NOMINATIONS.

For Assembly—MARCUS T. FERRIS.
For Alderman—JOHN E. REYNOLDS.
For Constables—
For Coroner—
2d District—WM. FLAVIN.
4th District—WM. A. WALKER.
6th District—SAMUEL ATKINSON.
For Assessor—JOHN MARTIN.
For School Commissioner—AUGUSTUS H. MORAND.
For Inspector—THOMAS W. POWELL.
For School Trustees—EDGAR E. DINGEE, ALONZO G. REYNOLDS.
For Constables—DAVID A. SAFFON, J. H. JOHNSON.

For Inspectors of Election.

1st District—John M. Griffiths, Edward R. Hammond.
2d District—Geo. W. Wood, George Smith.
3d District—Andrew Croft, Robert C. Brown.
4th District—Highalist Lyon, David Tapper.
5th District—F. J. Boyd, Tho. C. Kennedy.
6th District—Tho. O. Gould, Geo. N. Klein.

J. C. GOULD, Secretary. N. J. BOYD, Chairman.

☞ At a Meeting of the Thirteenth Ward Regular Whig Charter Convention, held at Ondonk's, corner Grand and Clinton sts., Thursday evening, Oct. 19, the following ticket was unanimously adopted:

For Assembly—JACOB E. HOWARD.
For Alderman—DAVID A FORBES.
For Constables—MELANCTON THOMPSON, JAMES MAHAN.

For Inspectors of Election.

1st District—BENJAMIN HASKELL.
2d District—AUGUSTUS MORAND.
3d District—THOMAS W. POWELL.
4th District—EDGAR E. DINGEE, ALONZO G. REYNOLDS.
5th District—DAVID A. SAFFON, J. H. JOHNSON.
6th District—JAMES MAHAN.
7th District—SAMUEL ATKINSON.

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JOHN COLBY, Chairman.
EDGAR H. DUNCAN, Secretary.

☞ Fifteenth Ward—WHIG NOMINATIONS.—For Assembly—ISAAC O. TEARNEY.
For Constables—6th District—WM. W. VERMILYE.
7th District—OTIS D. SWAN.
41st District—EDWIN J. BROWN.
For Assessor—ISAAC M. PHYFE.
For Commissioner of Common Schools—JAMES W. UNDERHILL.
For Trustees of Common Schools—JAMES D. OLIVER, LEWIS W. STEVENS, JOSEPH E. VARNUM, Jr., to fill vacancies.
For Inspector of Common Schools—JOHN L. MASON.

J. WILSON GREEN, Chairman of Convention.
HENRY BURGE, Secretary.

☞ Eighteenth Ward Democratic-Whig Nominations.

For Assembly—WM. H. ADAMS.
For Constables—6th District—JAMES M. THOMSON.
7th District—CHRISTOPHER T. WHITE.
For Assessor—CHARLES MASON.
For Commissioner—HENRY BISHOP and JAMES BRITT.
For School Commissioner—LUTHER C. CARTER.
For School Trustees—THOMAS FOSDICK, JOHN H. BURLISTON, HENRY FRANKLIN and WM. O. SYBELIK.

J. M. BURLISTON, Chairman.
JAMES KING, Secretary.

☞ Twentieth Ward Regular Whig Nominations.—At a meeting of the Committee of Nominations and Charter Convention, held at Continental Hall, Oct. 20, the following ticket was nominated unanimously:

For Council District—JAMES T. COWENHOVEN.
2d District—FRANCIS M. CURRY.
3d District—DANIEL D. CONOVER.
For Constables—WALWORTH, LEWIS HUCKER.
For Assessor—DANIEL HOGANCAMP.
For Commissioner of Common Schools—BOLTIS M. FOWLER.
For Trustees of Common Schools—PETER VOORHIS.
For School Inspector—JAS. B. ANDREWS.
For Constables—DAVID SAFFIN, WILLIAM H. BORTON.

For Inspectors of Election.

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For Inspectors of Election.

1st District—George Andrews, George Brenton.
2d District—Hector M. Adams, Samuel Conckelin.
3d District—W. H. Peabody, W. E. Rowland.
4th District—Wm. A. Walker, Dan'l Thompson.
5th District—James Garing, John Liley.
6th District—H. B. Reed, Oscar Taylor.

HUBBARD G. STONE, Chairman.
ELIJAH SIMMONS, Secretary.

☞ To the Whigs of the Sixteenth Assembly District.—For Assembly—Hon. ALEX'R S. SHARP.

At a meeting of the Delegates of the Eight Ward, duly elected to the Assembly Convention, it was unanimously resolved to place Hon. ALEXANDER P. SHARP in nomination for Assembly.

Resolved, That we recommend Mr. Sharp to the Whigs and citizens of the XVIth Assembly District, and that we will use our best exertions to secure his election.

JERRY C. FRIDMAN,
WM. W. SAIGHT,
WILLIAM FROST,
JOHN R. MUMFORD,
E. R. SHEPHERD,
} Committee.

☞ Stumping the State.—I am about to stump the state with a fine MAGAGERIE. It would swell Myron H. CLARK'S majority to 50,000, but there is not time. I can only come to Albany, Troy, Utica, Rochester, Buffalo, Dunkirk, which Dr. Hunnewell says "will put the way." 25 will be sent to any Post Office, post-paid, for one dollar. Now ready to be exhibited in every township. All orders promptly attended to.

JOHN MARSH, No. 140 Nassau-st.

☞ Municipal Reform Committee.—The Committee have taken a Room at No. 639 Broadway, corner of Houston-st., up stairs, where it will be in session every evening, from 7 to 10 o'clock, when the Works of the Central Committee, and the Nominations of the Various Wards, will be considered. It is desirable that candidates for Charter Offices should be nominated with as little delay as possible, and the Committee respectfully invite the co-operation of the Committees of Nomination.

F. M. SCHMIDT, Chairman Executive Committee.

☞ Independent Whig Candidate.—For Alderman in the 12th Ward, JOHN W. GAY, Merchant, No. 303 Greenwich-st.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

☞ Dr. Hoofland's Celebrated Gold and Cough Mixture.—A few spoonfuls of this simple remedy will convince all, however severe, will relieve it instantly and prevent all danger of Consumption or Bronchitis. As a preventative of Croup, it should be in every family. Price 25 cents per bottle. HOBINSON, CLARKE & CO., 21, Hudson, Dyving and Agent Wright, and F. BAILEY, No. 4 Astor House. Agents. Also, DOBB'S, CHESTNUT, No. 274, Grand-st.

☞ Bedding's Fluxile Gaiters.—24 Cases of Bedding's Fluxile, entirely of 10 years' standing—a sure and speedy cure for Bunions, Corns, Chilblains, Sore Feet, and Lameness, by Bedding's Fluxile Gaiters. Sold by all druggists to the principal towns in the United States. A. B. & D. SANDS, C. V. CLEVENBERGH & CO., C. H. RING, New-York; and WM. H. RIDDLE, Brooklyn.

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AUCTION SALES.

HENRY H. LEEDS & CO.—On SUNDAY, Oct. 29th, Oct. 30th, and WEDNESDAY, Oct. 31st, at 10 o'clock each day, at the Sales Room, Fulton-st., Brooklyn, TO THE TRADE AND OTHERS—By order of Thomas Ansigner's sale of the immense stock of superb and costly jewelry, being the magnificent and unrivalled assortment of first class jewelry, silver ware, watches, &c., ever offered by auction in this City. The stock, valued at over $50,000, was made to order for the late firm of Ansigner, Harris & Co., and comprises a full assortment of diamond, ruby, emerald, sapphire, opal, pearl, amethyst, turquoise, and other precious stones, gold and silver watches, gold and silver chains, &c. Also, a very valuable and extensive assortment of fancy articles, such as gold and silver vinaigrettes, gold and silver pencil cases, gold and silver thimbles, gold and silver scissors, gold and silver fobs, gold and silver chain bracelets, gold and silver lockets, gold and silver pencils, gold and silver watch keys, gold and silver pocket rules, gold and silver pocket combs, gold and silver pocket books, gold and silver pocket knives, gold and silver pocket pens, gold and silver pocket pencils

BANK STATEMENTS.

STATEMENT OF THE AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK, OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $4,298,345 00
Average amount of Specie 275,848 77
Average amount of Circulation 281,247 00
Average amount of Deposits 3,242,455 23
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 88,816 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—U. A. MEIGS, Cashier of the AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

U. A. MEIGS, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE ATLANTIC BANK, OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $343,109 00
Average amount of Specie 20,272 00
Average amount of Circulation 25,216 00
Average amount of Deposits 301,802 00
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, GEO. D. ARTHUR, Cashier of the ATLANTIC BANK, of the City of New-York, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. D. ARTHUR, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF AMERICA—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $3,198,291 67
Average amount of Specie 751,324 48
Average amount of Circulation, notes of late Bank of America 111,322 00
Average amount of Deposits 2,157,636 36
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 81,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, JAS. FUNNETT, Cashier of the BANK OF AMERICA, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. FUNNETT, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF COMMERCE IN NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $2,062,725 37
Average amount of Specie 207,134 33
Average amount of Circulation 2,275 00
Average amount of Deposits 1,712,187 12
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 88,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, HENRY F. VALENTINE, Cashier of the BANK OF COMMERCE in New-York, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. F. VALENTINE, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF THE COMMONWEALTH, NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $2,128,930 00
Average amount of Specie 161,941 00
Average amount of Circulation 42,500 00
Average amount of Deposits 1,790,743 00
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, JAMES S. WILSON, President of the BANK OF THE COMMONWEALTH, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the foregoing statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JAMES S. WILSON, President.

Sworn before me, this 21st day of October, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $2,068,579 00
Average amount of Specie 573,085 14
Average amount of Circulation 39,731 00
Average amount of Deposits 2,569,572 25
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ANTHONY P. HALSEY, Cashier of the BANK OF NEW-YORK, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the above statement is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. P. HALSEY, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
THOMAS STEWART, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF NORTH AMERICA—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $1,420,223 00
Average amount of Specie 136,874 00
Average amount of Circulation 27,220 00
Average amount of Deposits 1,281,663 33
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ISAAC LEWIS, Cashier of the BANK OF NORTH AMERICA, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ISAAC LEWIS, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $4,408,139 00
Average amount of Specie 511,000 00
Average amount of Circulation 311,000 00
Average amount of Deposits 4,339,139 00
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ROBERT H. LOWRY, Cashier of the BANK OF THE REPUBLIC, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. H. LOWRY, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
EDWIN F. CORBY, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $3,611,362 00
Average amount of Specie 455,414 00
Average amount of Circulation 347,433 00
Average amount of Deposits 2,911,621 31
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, JAS. WALTER, Cashier of the BANK OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JAS. WALTER, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
A. C. GRAHAM, Notary Public.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF THE UNION, in the City of New-York—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $1,266,901 00
Average amount of Specie 19,741 31
Average amount of Circulation 10,981 00
Average amount of Deposits 1,000,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, DANIEL D. HITCHCOCK, Cashier of the BANK OF THE UNION, being duly sworn, depose and say, that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

D. D. HITCHCOCK, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
THOS. VERREE, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BOWERY BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $1,847,187 41
Average amount of Specie 59,623 00
Average amount of Circulation 131,570 00
Average amount of Deposits 807,283 37
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, NATHANIEL G. BRADFORD, Cashier of the BOWERY BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say, that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

N. G. BRADFORD, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
JAS. L. BARRIES, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BROADWAY BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $1,308,311 00
Average amount of Specie 146,867 00
Average amount of Circulation 109,236 00
Average amount of Deposits 1,028,231 24
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, JOHN L. EVERITT, Cashier of the BROADWAY BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
H. E. FRANK, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BULL'S HEAD BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $1,420,827 00
Average amount of Specie 136,874 00
Average amount of Circulation 27,220 00
Average amount of Deposits 1,281,663 33
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ISAAC LEWIS, Cashier of the BANK OF NORTH AMERICA, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ISAAC LEWIS, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $1,441,848 00
Average amount of Specie 69,692 75
Average amount of Circulation 41,016 00
Average amount of Deposits 867,817 56
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, BENJAMIN LEWIS, Jr., Cashier of the BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

B. LEWIS, Jr., Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
GEO. D. TAYLOR, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $320,000 00
Average amount of Specie 43,119 00
Average amount of Circulation 23,000 00
Average amount of Deposits 300,000 00
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, WALTER OAKLEY, Cashier of the CENTRAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct.

WALTER OAKLEY, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
GEO. D. TAYLOR, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE CHATHAM BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $321,307 33
Average amount of Specie 41,076 72
Average amount of Circulation 122,145 00
Average amount of Deposits 261,144 33
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, CHARLES J. SHEPARD, Cashier, per tem., of the CHATHAM BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHAS. J. SHEPARD, Cashier, per tem.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
NEW. DRAKE, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE CHEMICAL BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $1,063,115 00
Average amount of Specie 378,422 00
Average amount of Circulation 270,918 00
Average amount of Deposits 1,050,218 00
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, J. G. JONES, President of the CHEMICAL BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. G. JONES, President.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
HENRY C. BANKS, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE CITIZENS' BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $999,614 00
Average amount of Specie 90,442 00
Average amount of Circulation 27,000 00
Average amount of Deposits 867,312 00
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, W. H. DARRAGH, Cashier of the CITIZENS' BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. H. DARRAGH, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
GEO. D. TAYLOR, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $2,024,717 00
Average amount of Specie 81,202 00
Average amount of Circulation 27,000 00
Average amount of Deposits 1,921,247 00
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, W. T. HOOKER, Cashier of the COMMERCIAL BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. T. HOOKER, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE CORN EXCHANGE BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $1,191,295 00
Average amount of Specie 53,200 00
Average amount of Circulation 27,000 00
Average amount of Deposits 978,769 04
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, F. A. PLATT, Cashier of the CORN EXCHANGE BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. A. PLATT, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
SMITH E. LANE, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE EAST RIVER BANK, NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $512,997 00
Average amount of Specie 33,316 00
Average amount of Circulation 107,494 00
Average amount of Deposits 352,133 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, WILLIAM B. BALLOW, Cashier of the EAST RIVER BANK, New-York, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. B. BALLOW, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
THOS. MACFARLAN, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE EIGHTH-AVENUE BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $90,695 00
Average amount of Specie 00 00
Average amount of Circulation 25,431 00
Average amount of Deposits 81,278 00
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, CHARLES SANFORD, Cashier of the EIGHTH-AVENUE BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHARLES SANFORD, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
BOLTIS M. FOWLER, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE EMPIRE CITY BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $438,320 00
Average amount of Specie 32,769 00
Average amount of Circulation 101,101 00
Average amount of Deposits 313,169 00
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, LEONARD H. CHURCH, Cashier of the EMPIRE CITY BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L. H. CHURCH, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
ISAAC G. BARRER, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE FULTON BANK, IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $1,381,691 37
Average amount of Specie 147,212 87
Average amount of Circulation 146,532 00
Average amount of Deposits 1,047,304 00
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, WM. J. LANE, Cashier of the FULTON BANK, in the City of New-York, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the above statement is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. J. LANE, Cashier.

Sworn before me this 23d day of October, 1854.
EDWIN F. CORBY, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE GREENWICH BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $500,447 00
Average amount of Specie 43,973 43
Average amount of Circulation 168,400 00
Average amount of Deposits 316,103 06

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, WILLIAM HAWES, Cashier of the GREENWICH BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM HAWES, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
JAMES HARRISON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE GROCERS' BANK IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $947,411 33
Average amount of Specie 49,763 24
Average amount of Circulation 27,000 00
Average amount of Deposits 818,133 29

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, GEO. A. CLARK, Assistant Cashier of the GROCERS' BANK, in the City of New-York, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. A. CLARK, Assistant Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
JOHN C. BENCH, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE HANOVER BANK, NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $1,379,434 00
Average amount of Specie 35,083 12
Average amount of Circulation 131,594 00
Average amount of Deposits 960,764 79
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, THOMAS L. TAYLOR, Cashier of the HANOVER BANK, New-York, being duly sworn, deposes and say, that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

THOS. L. TAYLOR, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE ISLAND CITY BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $310,329 00
Average amount of Specie 35,326 00
Average amount of Circulation 26,820 00
Average amount of Deposits 237,330 00
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, WM. STEBBINS, Cashier of the ISLAND CITY BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct.

WM. STEBBINS, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
J. S. HALSEY, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE IRVING BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $513,339 79
Average amount of Specie 27,777 04
Average amount of Circulation 130,613 00
Average amount of Deposits 433,768 51
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, D. V. H. BERTHOLF, Cashier of the IRVING BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct.

DANL. V. H. BERTHOLF, Cashier.

Sworn before me this 23d day of October, 1854.
JNO. HEDEMAN, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE KNICKERBOCKER BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $434,707 10
Average amount of Specie 4,890 10
Average amount of Circulation 25,097 00
Average amount of Deposits 410,303 24
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, JOHN A. GUNN, Cashier of the KNICKERBOCKER BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct.

J. A. GUNN, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
WM. DARROW, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE LEATHER MANUFACTURERS' BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $1,721,999 00
Average amount of Specie 375,941 43
Average amount of Circulation 302,400 00
Average amount of Deposits 1,370,310 00
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, J. L. ACLY, Cashier of the LEATHER MANUFACTURERS' BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say, that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. L. ACLY, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MANHATTAN COMPANY OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $4,320,702 70
Average amount of Specie 460,285 51
Average amount of Circulation 320,202 12
Average amount of Deposits 2,970,456 94
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, JAS. M. MORRISON, Cashier of the MANHATTAN COMPANY, of the City of New-York, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. M. MORRISON, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MARINE BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $609,774 00
Average amount of Specie 46,301 81
Average amount of Circulation 91,264 00
Average amount of Deposits 401,106 27
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, J. C. BEACH, Cashier of the MARINE BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. C. BEACH, Cashier.

Sworn before me this 23d day of October, 1854.
WILLIAM DONOR, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MARKET BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $1,079,803 00
Average amount of Specie 37,516 44
Average amount of Circulation 90,000 00
Average amount of Deposits 897,878 29
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ALFRED S. FRASER, Cashier of the SEVENTH WARD BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. S. FRASER, Cashier.

Sworn before me this 23d day of October, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MECHANICS' BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $2,262,262 00
Average amount of Specie 77,000 00
Average amount of Circulation 194,155 00
Average amount of Deposits 2,062,000 78
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, FRANCIS E. EDMONDS, Cashier of the MECHANICS' BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. E. EDMONDS, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MECHANICS' BANKING ASSOCIATION—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $1,634,300 44
Average amount of Specie 34,877 73
Average amount of Circulation 268,257 00
Average amount of Deposits 1,064,581 73
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, J. N. CORNELL, Cashier of the MECHANICS' BANKING ASSOCIATION, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. N. CORNELL, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MECHANICS AND TRADERS' BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $992,426 00
Average amount of Specie 32,621 00
Average amount of Circulation 25,015 00
Average amount of Deposits 682,468 13
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, E. D. BROWN, Cashier of the MECHANICS AND TRADERS' BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say, that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. D. BROWN, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
JOHN M. DEVOT, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MERCHANTS' BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $2,000,000 00
Average amount of Specie 67,400 00
Average amount of Circulation 97,000 00
Average amount of Deposits 1,297,247 00
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, E. S. BLAKE, Cashier of the MERCHANTS' BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. S. BLAKE, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
C. S. WEELER, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MERCHANTS' BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $1,510,663 16
Average amount of Specie 292,219 00
Average amount of Circulation 27,000 00
Average amount of Deposits 1,200,247 77
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, E. S. BLAKE, Cashier of the MERCHANTS' BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. S. BLAKE, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $2,310,663 16
Average amount of Specie 292,219 00
Average amount of Circulation 27,000 00
Average amount of Deposits 1,200,247 77
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, HENRY MEIGS, Jr., Cashier of the METROPOLITAN BANK, of the City of New-York, being duly sworn, depose and say, that the above statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. MEIGS, Jr., Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE NASSAU BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $973,237 00
Average amount of Specie 32,260 00
Average amount of Circulation 114,030 00
Average amount of Deposits 791,101 00
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, R. A. TOOKER, Cashier of the NASSAU BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the above statement is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. A. TOOKER, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
G. H. SCRIBNER, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $1,455,251 00
Average amount of Specie 173,200 00
Average amount of Circulation 120,910 00
Average amount of Deposits 820,848 19
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, B. F. HOOGLAND, Cashier of the NATIONAL BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

B. F. HOOGLAND, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 21st day of October, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE NEW-YORK DRY DOCK COMPANY—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $437,904 00
Average amount of Specie 28,846 33
Average amount of Circulation 42,222 00
Average amount of Deposits 117,546 71
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, FREDERICK HAYES, Cashier, of the NEW-YORK DRY DOCK COMPANY, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. T. HAYES, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
JOHN ANDERSON, Jr., Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE NEW-YORK EXCHANGE BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $407,637 00
Average amount of Specie 9,522 00
Average amount of Circulation 30,145 00
Average amount of Deposits 42,253 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, D. B. HALSTEAD, Cashier of the NEW-YORK EXCHANGE BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

D. B. HALSTEAD, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
JOHN PHILLIPS, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE NORTH RIVER BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $1,210,207 00
Average amount of Specie 47,633 00
Average amount of Circulation 211,116 00
Average amount of Deposits 867,979 50
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, A. B. HAYS, Cashier of the NORTH RIVER BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. B. HAYS, Cashier.

Sworn before me this 23d day of October, 1854.
EDWARD H. ROGERS, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE OCEAN BANK IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts* $1,386,277 12
Average amount of Specie 69,001 00
Average amount of Circulation 128,473 00
Average amount of Deposits 711,207 00
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, J. S. GIBBONS, Cashier of the OCEAN BANK of the City of New-York, being duly affirmed, depose and say that the above statement is correct.

J. S. GIBBONS, Cashier.

Affirmed before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.

*In the statement dated Oct. 14, the amount of Loans and Discounts was erroneously stated at $1,316,413 19. It should have been $1,316,413 19.

STATEMENT OF THE ORIENTAL BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $476,249 79
Average amount of Specie 39,374 75
Average amount of Circulation 24,474 00
Average amount of Deposits 380,438 79
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, WASHINGTON A. HALL, Cashier of the ORIENTAL BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say, that the above statement is correct.

W. A. HALL, Cashier.

Sworn before me this 23d day of October, 1854.
SAMUEL PASSOT, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE PACIFIC BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $867,320 71
Average amount of Specie 44,020 76
Average amount of Circulation 104,572 00
Average amount of Deposits 543,428 43
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, J. S. CAMPBELL, Jr., Cashier of the PACIFIC BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct.

J. S. CAMPBELL, Jr., Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
WM. LEE, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $880,723 39
Average amount of Specie 91,252 43
Average amount of Circulation 194,776 00
Average amount of Deposits 659,146 49
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, GIDEON DE ANGELIS, Cashier of the PEOPLE'S BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. DE ANGELIS, Cash'r.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
WM. E. GRAY, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE PHENIX BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $2,386,752 00
Average amount of Specie 349,236 33
Average amount of Circulation, notes of the late Phenix Bank 139,816 00
Average amount of Deposits 1,590,651 36
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, P. M. BRYSON, Cashier of the PHENIX BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

P. M. BRYSON, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
THOS. S. SOMERS, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE ST. NICHOLAS BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $1,000,734 00
Average amount of Specie 39,631 00
Average amount of Circulation 25,014 00
Average amount of Deposits 909,025 00
Average amount of Due to Other Banks 1,000 00

City and County of New-York, ss.—I, S. OAKLEY, Cashier of the ST. NICHOLAS BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. OAKLEY, Cashier.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1854.
JAS. HILLYER, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE SEVENTH WARD BANK—As required by Chapter 278, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1854:

Average amount of Loans and Discounts $1

New-York Daily Times.

THE WICKHAM TRAGEDY,

TRIAL OF NICHOLAS BENEEMAN FOR MURDER.

Attorney-General Hoffman to Appear for the People.

REPORTS MAKING TO PROVE AN ALIBI.

Attempt of the Murderer to Bribe a Convict.

[By our Special Reporter.]

BEVERWIJK, Long Island, Monday, Oct. 23, 1854.

The exciting trial of NICHOLAS BENEEMAN, for the atrocious murder of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES WICKHAM, at their farm-house, last SUMMER, in the village of Cutchogue, L. I., will commence at this place this afternoon. The fourth term of the Court of Over and Terminer, for this year, will convene at the old Court-House, at 2 o'clock P. M. to-day, Judge STRONG presiding.

Such is the anxiety to be present at the trial that the chances for the people to procure accommodations are at the present writing regarded as very uncertain, in consequence of numerous prior engagements for rooms at the different hotels in the village.

Since the murder transpired the excited feelings of the people have been considerably calmed, and there is a manifest disposition to give the prisoner a fair and impartial trial.

I am reliably informed that Hon. OGDEN HOFFMAN, Attorney-General of the State, will reach here in the cars to-day, to conduct the trial on behalf of the people, in lieu of the District Attorney, who is the brother of the murdered man. In regard to the prisoner being properly defended, he has chosen to *procure his own counsel*, in preference to accepting the action of the Court in assigning him counsel. He was recently visited at the jail by his uncle and aunt, of Eleventh-street, New-York, during which time they promised to send him funds to secure a lawyer.

In the course of a few days the relatives of the prisoner forwarded him the necessary funds by mail, to employ a legal defender. Counselor CRAIG, of Quogue, was at length engaged. I learn that powerful efforts are now being made to obtain sufficient evidence to prove an *alibi*. The next ground of defence that will probably be urged by the prisoner's counsel, is that of *insanity*. If they fail in establishing either of these, to the satisfaction of the Court, it is then anticipated that a motion will be made to procure change of *venue* to another County, on the ground that a jury of unbiassed men cannot be empanneled in Suffolk County.

The reward of $1,000 that was offered by the friends of the murdered family for the apprehension of BENEEMAN is yet in dispute, and as the trial day approaches, the subject becomes a matter of conversation among the residents of the various Townships. It is shown beyond the possibility of a doubt, that during the search among the woods, a young man of Cutchogue, named JOHN JONES, was the first person who discovered BENEEMAN, lying face downwards, and covered over with thick brush. Since then, other parties who were on the "hunt" night and day claimed they were deservedly entitled to a portion of the reward. Hence the money has never been paid, and it is rumored that it will be placed in the County Treasury to defray the expenses of the present trial. It is rather a curious proceeding, and many persons seem to think the claim of young JONES a just one.

From recent developments that have been made to DANIEL EDWARDS, the jailor, by a convict there, a general belief exists that BENEEMAN robbed Mr. WICKHAM after committing the horrible deed. It appears that a man named HEMPSTEAD has been confined in this jail for the last two months, on a charge of grand larceny, in stealing a lot of gold coin. During this period the prisoner was kept in a cell adjoining that of the murderer, and was made his confidential friend. They talked together much, and finally the Criminal Court disposed of HEMPSTEAD's case, by receiving a plea of guilty of petit larceny, and sentencing him to jail imprisonment for thirty days. Since then, HEMPSTEAD informed the Jailor that BENEEMAN had promised to give him $500 or $600 *if he would go before the Court and swear that he* (BENEEMAN) *was with him in Greenport during the entire night on which the lives of Mr. Wickham and his wife were taken.* He further stated that BENEEMAN described to him the exact spot in a piece of woods where he had buried upwards of $900 in gold coin and bank bills. The Jailor did not place any reliance upon the story, and therefore no information of the matter has been dispatched to Sheriff PHILLIPS.

I am told that Counsellor CRAIG has summoned HEMPSTEAD to appear at this Court and testify on behalf of BENEEMAN.

As I close this communication, the people are arriving in large numbers from all parts of the County, and a number are expected to reach here by the Western train of cars this afternoon.

The trial of BENEEMAN is first on the Calendar, and if a Jury is empanelled without much delay, the trial will be concluded by Friday next. C.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Row at Bill Poole's—Arrest for Assault and Battery.

A complaint was made, on Saturday, by PATRICK CLOSBY, of No. 11½ Washington-street, against CHARLES HOUGHTALING, for feloniously assaulting and beating him in a shocking manner, in a public house, kept by WILLIAM POOLE, on the corner of Howard-street and Broadway. CLOSBY states in his affidavit, that the accused bit a part of his nose nearly off, and attempted to gouge out his eyes. HOUGHTALING received some severe blows and a pair of black eyes in the melee. The accused was held to bail in the sum of $500 by Justice BOGARDUS. He states that he was beaten by CLOSBY and a party of his friends, who had some animosity against him, and that he was obliged to defend himself, being alone at the time.

Robbery of Silver Ware.

Yesterday morning, a German thief, named HENRY SMITH, was discovered in the act of robbing the premises of MARY KINNEY, at No. 19 East Seventeenth-street, of a quantity of silver ware, table spoons, &c., of the value of $150, the property of GEORGE SHELBY, who had left them in charge of Mrs. KINNEY, for safe keeping. The culprit was arrested by Officer WARNER, and conveyed before Judge CLARK, at the Jefferson Market Police, where he was fully committed by that magistrate for trial.

Large Haul of Liquor Dealers.

During the last session of the Grand Jury, about 400 indictments were found against liquor dealers in the Eleventh Ward for selling without a license. Yesterday over 100 proprietors of lager bier saloons, grocery-stores, and tippling-saloons, were arrested by the Eleventh Ward Police, and conveyed to the Third District Police Office, where they were held to bail, each in the sum of $200, by Judge WELSH. The amount of bail was soon furnished, and the clerk was busily employed during the day in filling out the requisite bonds.

SUICIDE OVERBOARD.—Yesterday afternoon a respectably dressed woman jumped overboard from the South Ferry boat Brooklyn, just after leaving Brooklyn. She was immediately taken out, dried, and allowed to proceed on her journey.

England and America.

THOMAS D'ARCY MCGEE, Esq., delivered his second and last lecture on "The Actual Relations between England and America," in the Broadway Tabernacle, last evening. There was a pretty full attendance. The lecture consisted of an analysis of the relations, commercial, social, political, and moral and religious,—which have existed between Ireland and America from 1690 to the present time. These relations, Mr. MCGEE contended, were very intimate, and have redounded to the glory and advancement of the Republic. He furnished the views by dates and figures, collected from American and British official documents, and was frequently applauded.

(Advertisement.)

☞ Spratlin's Anti-Fudoldic or Fever and Ague Pills may be obtained, wholesale or retail, at the Depot, No. 246 Broadway, opposite the Tabernacle.

(Advertisement.)

DOCUMENTARY ON FILE.—Upwards of 100 letters from persons living in the stores of E. PERLOU, No. 517 Broadway, and No. 197 Broadway, evidence the singular fact, as the patent preparation, the astonishing and beautifying the skin they have been on board of. For sale by all Druggists, General Perfumers, &c.

(Advertisement.)

ASPINWALL'S TONIC MIXTURE.—This preparation is the only certain specific for fever and ague. It breaks the chills immediately and invariably, and speedily restores the strength. Prepared after the original formula, by THOMAS & MAXWELL. (Successors to J. S. ASPINWALL.) No. 96 William-street.

(Advertisement.)

GOLDSMITH'S cheap Writing Classes will commence on MONDAY, Oct. 23. Ladies' classes meet at 10½ o'clock A. M., and 4 o'clock P. M. Gentlemen at 6 o'clock P. M. Terms, $5 for ten lessons, or $10 per quarter, including stationery. Apply this week. Private instruction, $15. Academy No. 202 Broadway.

(Advertisement.)

PRACTICAL PHRENOLOGY.—A private class will soon be formed by Prof. FOWLER, at No. 308 Broadway. A few ladies and gentlemen may become members by applying soon.

LONG ISLAND.

Large Fire in Williamsburg—Four Horses Burned.

Last night, about nine o'clock, a fire was discovered in the rear of an old blacksmith-shop in Little Water-street, near Grand-street, Williamsburg. The fire communicated to the hayloft of Mr. JOHN SHARP, adjoining and fronting on First-street, in which was five hundred bales of hay, and the fire spread from this with great rapidity to the surrounding buildings on the block bounded by Grand, South First, Little Water and First-streets.

The firemen were soon on the ground and worked with commendable zeal, assisted by several Brooklyn and New-York companies; but in consequence of most of the buildings being wood they were only able to prevent the spread of the flames to the adjacent blocks. The following buildings were burned: The feed store of Messrs. SHARP on First-street, a stable in the rear, (in which four horses valued at $500, were burned) and their three-story wooden dwelling-house, corner Water and Grand-streets. Loss about $3,000. Insured.

LANSING ACKLEY's Exchange eating-house, on Grand-street, damaged about $1,200. Insurance run out last week.

JOSEPH ANDERSON's grocery and feed-store, wood building, corner Grand and First-streets, totally destroyed. Loss $2,000. Insured for $400.

The row of 1½-story tenement buildings known as the Fountain Inn, in First-street; and the three story double brick buildings, corner First and South streets, owned by JOHN MOORE, and occupied by families nearly destroyed. Loss about $2,000, insured. There were also several other sheds and temporary buildings burned.

The origin of the fire is not known, but is supposed to be the work of an incendiary. A member of Engine No. 8, of New-York, (whose name could not be ascertained,) was run over by the engine, and had one of his legs fractured. He was conveyed to New-York by his comrades.

Target Firing and Homicide in Queens County—Five Persons under Arrest.

About noon on Sunday, a boy, about thirteen years of age, named DENNIS DUNN, whose parents reside at Hunter's Point, near the terminus of the Flushing Railroad, received a mortal wound, by a musket ball, which took effect in his forehead, and caused his death in about an hour, under the following circumstances:

It appears that three several parties of young men from New-York, proceeded to the above place for the purpose of target practice. One of the targets was placed near the plank road about 200 yards from a row of seven shanties, in one of which the parents of deceased resided. The second target was placed to the right of the first, and the third one was still further in the rear. Between the shanties and the second target a rise of ground occurred, so that the first two were concealed from their position are supposed to have fired to the right of these shanties.

A number of shots had been fired when a ball struck the door jamb of Mr. DUNN's shanty and entered the wood some three inches. TIMOTHY CONNER, his wife, Mrs. SMITH and deceased were examining where the ball struck, when CONNER heard a ball whistling, and called out for them to step back. Just at that instant the boy DUNN turned around, and a bullet struck him in the head, causing his death shortly after.

The following persons were arrested and lodged in jail at Astoria: MARTIN MCGRATH, residing at No. 307 Ninth-street, New-York; JAS. ARTHURTLE, residing at No. 117 Avenue B, New-York; JAS. MCCONNELL, residing at No. 399 Tenth-street, New-York; JOHN W. COLE, No. 99 Avenue C; and FREDERICK HART, No. 93 Avenue C. The three first-named were firing at the first target. A young German, also belonging to their party, made his escape in a small boat, after being arrested, and was seen to throw overboard a powder-horn and bullet-pouch.

Justice BOYD, of Astoria, held an inquest yesterday at the Court-House. From the testimony taken the above facts were elicited. The Jury rendered a verdict that DENNIS DUNN came to his death by a wound in the forehead from a musket ball; that targets were placed in a direct line with the house, at the door of which he was killed, at which men were firing; that through the culpable negligence of these parties he met his death; that the five men in custody were arrested on the ground where these targets were placed, engaged in target-shooting, at or about the time the said DENNIS DUNN was killed.

After the prisoners were examined before Justice BOYD, MCGRATH, ARTHURTLE and CONNELL were committed in default of $1,000 bail, each to appear before the Grand Jury on the 27th November, and HART and COLE were committed in default of $500 bonds each. The parties will probably be bailed out to-day. A warrant was also issued for the arrest of the German who made his escape.

Brooklyn Common Council.

At a meeting of this body, held last evening, a communication was presented from the Board of Engineers of the Brooklyn Fire Department complaining of certain Fire Companies being allowed to return to duty without having charges preferred against said Companies investigated, and also calling upon the Common Council to take some decided stand against the flagrant acts of insubordination.

A communication was also presented asking that the Brooklyn City Railroad Company be permitted to run cars on Sunday. The petitioner had leave to withdraw by a unanimous vote.

Church Dedication.

St. Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception, corner of Remsen and Second-sts., Williamsburg, is to be dedicated on Sunday, the 29th inst., at 10½ o'clock A. M.

A MEETING OF MILKMEN.—The milkmen of Brooklyn met together a few evenings since and resolved, "That the retail price of milk shall be 8 cents a quart, and the wholesale price to be 5 cents, after the 1st of November.

THE TURF.

Facing on the Centreville Course, L. I.

The pacing match between the double teams *Fast Boy* and *Lady Devine*, and *Isadora* and *Tom Wonder* for a purse of $300—mile heats, best 3 in 5, came off yesterday afternoon over the Centreville Course, L. I. The betting previous to the start was $100 to $35, on the latter horses. The first heat was poorly contested, *Isadora* broke soon after leaving the score, and continued running throughout the mile. The general impression was that the team should have been distanced, but the Judge decided differently. In the second heat *Lady Devine* came almost to stand still after passing the quarter pole; and *Fast Boy* and herself were declared distanced.

TROTTING ON THE UNION COURSE, L. I.

A match for $300 was trotted on the Union Course, between the b. g. *Jim* and the b. g. *Tom Monroe*,—mile heats, best 3 in 5 in harness. The former proved victorious, although *Tom* was the favorite at 100 to 60 before coming to the score.

The following is a summary of the day's sport:

CENTREVILLE COURSE, L. I., Oct. 23, 1854.

Purse $300 for pacing horses, best 2 in 3 in double harness.

W. PEASODY enters ch. m. *Isadora* and g. h. *Tom Wonder* 2 1

H. WOODRUFF enters b. g. *Fast Boy* and r. m. *Lady Devine* ..... 1 dis.

Time, 2:42—2:32.

UNION COURSE, L. I., Oct. 23, 1854. Match $300, best 3 in 5 in harness.

H. WOODRUFF enters b. g. *Jim* 1 1 1

J. WHELPLEY enters b. g. *Tom Monroe* 2 2 2

Time, 2:38—2:47—2:46.

The match between *Frank Forrester* and *Jack Winters* which was to take place to-day on the Union Course, is off—the latter horse paying forfeit.

VESSEL AGROUND.—The schooner *Wesmite* left this port a few days since with a cargo of coal, bound to Newport. On Tuesday she made a harbor at Sachem's Head, where, on account of illness, the Captain left her in charge of three men, who yesterday morning proceeded on the voyage, but when off Clinton they abandoned the vessel, leaving her with all sails set. Soon after leaving harbor she ran on Stony Island reef, where she bilged. The vessel was owned by Messrs. AUSTINSON & ALLING of this city, and the cargo by the Norwich Gas Company. The conduct of the men is not easily accounted for, as they could have made safe harbor and anchorage at Clinton.—*New-Haven Palladium, Oct. 19.*

EXCITEMENT AT WHEELING.—A very strong excitement in the city of Wheeling was occasioned recently by the threatened connection of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad with the Central Ohio Railroad, at Benwood, four miles below Wheeling. Should the connection be made, the people threaten to tear up the rails and destroy the depôt of the Baltimore and Ohio Company.

MARRIED.

In this City, on Monday, Oct. 23, by Rev. Saml. Osgood, Mr. D. M. SLEEPER, of Saratoga, N. Y., to Miss JULIA A., daughter of B. H. Norton, U. S. Consul at Nova Scotia.

In this City, on Sunday, Oct. 22, by Rev. E. H. Chapin, Mr. J. EDWARD PEABLES, of New-York, to Miss MARY LIZZIE, daughter of Albert J. Enslger, Esq., of Portsmouth, N. H.

☞ Boston and Portsmouth, N. H., papers please copy.

In this City, on Sunday, Oct. 22, by Rev. W. J. Frost, Mr. ELBERT B. THRASWELL to Miss JANE ANN PENNINGTON.

At Brooklyn, on Wednesday, Oct. 18, by Rev. F. T. Williams, of New-Hamburg, Mr. LODOWICK F. DENNIS to Miss EMILY F. HOWELL, of the former place.

At Palmyra, N. Y., on Thursday, Oct. 19, by Rev. Horace Eaton, J. C. ANGELL, Esq., of New-York City, to Miss ELIZABETH L. HYDE, eldest daughter of Stephen Hyde, Esq., of the former place.

DIED.

In this City, on Monday, Oct. 23, THEODORA EVELYN, infant daughter of Theodore and Caroline Keeler.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, this afternoon, at 4 o'clock, from the residence of her grandfather, Mr. Stephen Keeler, No. 74 M-st.

In this City, on Monday, Oct. 23, after a short and severe illness, ROBERT SMITH, in the 63d year of his age.

His relatives and those of his family, and the members of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the American Institute, are requested to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 23 Grove-st, on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at 10½ o'clock A. M., without further notice.

In this City, on Friday, Oct. 20, after an illness of a few hours, H. HERBERT OGDEN, son of David S. and Mary Ogden, aged 5 years and 7 months.

In this City, on Sunday, Oct. 22, ANN SMITH, wife of David C. Baecker, in the 36th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, at 10 o'clock, on Tuesday, the 24th inst., from her late residence, No. 146 East 26th-st. Her remains will be interred in Greenwood Cemetery.

In this City, on Saturday morning, after a short illness, EDWARD F. BARNATZ, son of Saml. E. Mabbett, in the 19th year of his age.

His remains were taken to Flatbush for interment.

In this City, suddenly, on Sunday, Oct. 22, ELLEN, wife of Edward T. Dunton.

Her friends and those of her husband, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from their residence, No. 150 West 26th-st., on Tuesday, 24th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., to proceed to Greenwood.

In Brooklyn, on Thursday, Oct. 20, at his residence, of consumption, Dr. ISAAC LAZARUS, aged 51 years.

His remains were taken to Southold, L. I., for interment.

In Brooklyn, on Monday morning, Oct. 23, GEORGE, aged 1 year and 3 months, son of Henry H. and Maria H. Robinson.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, this (Tuesday) afternoon, at 1 o'clock, from No. 128 Pearl-st., Brooklyn.

In Williamsburg, on Monday, Oct. 22, PETER JACKSON, relict of the late Samuel B. Jackson, deceased, in the 88d year of her age.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral, on Wednesday morning next, at 8 o'clock, without further invitation, at the house of her son-in-law, Isaac Van Anden, in Bedford, Long Island, near Williamsburg. Her remains will be taken to Manhasset, L. I., for interment.

At Sherman, Huron Co., Ohio, on Tuesday, Oct. 10, HANNAH, wife of Jonathan Pitch, and daughter of George Raymond, deceased, formerly of Norwalk, Conn.

☞ Norwalk, Conn., papers will please copy.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

For Markets, see Third Page.

Sales at the Stock Exchange....Oct. 23.

$2,000 Virginia 6s	90	62	40 Erie Railroad		44
2,000 Erie 2d Mtg. Bds	81		100 do		44
2,000 N. Y. & N. H. R. RR	72		100 do		44
2,000 do	72		100 do		44
100 Ill. Cen. R. R. Bds	69½		100 do		45
8,000 do	69½		100 do		44
1,000 Hud. Canal Bds	71		100 do		44
1,000 N. Y. C. R. R. Bds	84		100 do		44
1,000 do	84		100 do		44
100 Erie Stock	43		100 Ill. C. R. R. Stock		63
100 do	43		100 do		63
100 do	43		100 Harlem Railroad		20
100 do	43		100 do		20
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